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Tories table motion of no confidence in the Government

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Thatcher, Leader of the take part in a vote on its public osition, yesterday tabled a spending plans. The motion will be debated on Wednesday and if the Opposition succeeds a general elec-

Minor parties hold election key

George Clark ical Correspondent ter the Government's reto have a vote in the mons on Thursday on its c expenditure plans, Mrs ther, the Conservative er, resterday threw down gauntlet.

e said that since the Govient declined to seek a dence vote from the dence vote from the e, she had tabled a motion o confidence, which she move on Wednesday.

it is carried, the Governaccepts that it must lead general election. e timing could be a matter

inter-party agreement, but hate would almost certainly fiter the local government ions on May 5 (May 3 in and). * -- precipitate a general elec-

Mrs Thatcher needs to the full backing of the rity parties, including the ed Ulster Unionist Coaliin which Mr Enoch Powell in which Mr Enoch Powell
ds a strong influence. Durthe general elections of
ruary and October, 1974, he
i that influence against the servative Party and for our, and there is no indica-that he intends to adopt a er line with Mrs Thatcher he did with Mr Heath,

If i he could have his way lin it is probable that the it MPs in the Uster coaliwould provide the Governit with a lifeline next week. : his colleagues want to use ir powerful position in the sent parliamentary deadlock advance their cause in them Ireland both on the itical and economic fronts.

her are also demanding nger security measures,
h were discussed yesterday
meeting at 10 Downing
et chaired by the Prime
ster and attended by Mr the Home Secretary and Mason, Secretary of State

vortuern D was no accident that a subent meeting included the ministers and Mr Cocks.
Sovernment chief whip, and Matter Harrison, the deputy when They were clearly
ssing the likely line-up of
ninority parties on Wednesand the possibility of maksome move that would win

the votes of the Ulsterest night the impression was n in Whitehall, and appar-y by Mr Callaghan in Car-that the Government is not ng over itself to court the ruls. All the signs yester-were that Mr David Steel his colleagues (who meet Tuesday to reach a final decii, having taken soundings in

Hr J. Robertson and Mr J. Sillara)

Conservatives
Liberale
Scottich National Party
Plaid Cymru
United Uster Unionist Coalition
Independent Uniter Unionists
(Mr Craig and Mr Kilfedder)
Social Democratic and Labour P (Mr G. Fitt) Independent Irish (Mr F. Maguire) The Speaker

eitmen (Non-voting chairmen)

the constituencies) will decide to vote with the Conservatives.

The nationalists (11 Scottish and three Welsh), if they are all fit, will certainly vote with the Conservatives, because they think they could make runaway gains in an early election after the virtual abandonment of the devolution Bill.

Because they resigned from the Labour Party and joined the new Scottish Labour Party on account of their loss of confi-dence in the Labour Government over the devolution Bill, Mr John Robertson (Paisley) and Mr James Sillars (Ayrshire, South) are likely either to vote the Conservatives or

There are five Labour MPs who are ill, but they could all be brought to the precincts of the House to comply with the rules allowing them to be nodded through " the Government lobby.

They are: Mr Thomas Litterick (Birmingham, Selly Oak), Mr Donald Anderson (Swansea, East), Mr Raymond Fletcher (Ilkeston), Sir Alfred Broughton (Batley and Morley), and Miss Betty Boothroyd (West Bromwich, West). Bromwich, West).

None of the Conservative the Welsh Nationalist leader, and Mr John Duplop (UUUC member for Ulster, Mid) were reported vesterday to be on the sick list, but they may be able

Much depends on the full muster of the minority parties and the actions of Mr Gerard Fitt, the SDLP member for Belfast, West, and Mr Frank Magnire, Independent Irish MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone, and the independent Scottish Labour MPs.

Conservative yesterday were not over-confident of victory, but they felt that, Mr Callaghan having refused to seek a confidence vote, the Opposition had to go for a confrontation. As they see it, the line-up

On a visit to Cardiff yester-day Mr Callaghan was asked if the Government would seek to do a deal with other parties before the vote on Wednesday. "Deal is not the word one would use", he said. The Liberals and other parties would make up their own minds.

But he acknowledged the seriousness of the Government's position. "This is the moment of truth", he said. "It will be a very serious vote." He was cautious, just like the Tory whips, about predicting the outcome. "I hope we shall win; we deserve to win", he said.

All the other parties seem yesterday that the Government's defeat on Thursday, when it declined to put in tellers for the division, was "about nothing, in effect". It was about cutting public expenditure, which the Conservatives wanted the Government to cut anyway.

Legislating was not necessarily governing. "We govern of right", he said. Referring to minority governments, Mr Callaghan said: "I do not think they are very good things, but do not confose it with governing."

Friday, June 1997

down in his own name. "He has declined to do so,

could be: Labour, 310; Scottish Labour Party, 2; Mr Fitt and Mr Maguire, making 314. Against them: Conservatives, 278; Liberals, 13; Scottish National Party, 11; Plaid Cymru 3; United Ulster Unionists, 8; independent Unionists (Mr Craig and Mr Kilfedder), 2; total 315.

That shows the narrowness of the expected margin. But it was pointed out that if Mr Robertson and Mr Sillars voted with the Conservatives the majority over the Covernment would be five; if they abstained, it would be three.

united in their condemnation of the Government for not seeking a vote on their expenditure But Mr Callaghan said

attended for a Friday, Airs
Thatcher raised a point of order
at the beginning of the proceedings. She said: "As a
result of the events last night,
the widn'n your knowit will be within your know-ledge. Mr Speaker, that I invited the Prime Minister to follow the precedent set by his predecessor and face the House with a motion of confidence put

or to come to the House this morning I have therefore handed in a motion. That this handed in a motion that this House has no confidence in her Majesty's Government. I understand that the Prime Minister will give facilities for it to be taken early next week."

Mr Steel's terms, page 2 The young Britons, who Leading article, page 15 pleaded not guilty told the



Barrel organ entertainment for visitors to an exhibition of royal Victorian paintings at the Royal Academy yesterday.

Opposition leaders held in Bhutto | Unexpected fall in rate showdown over protests

From Hasan Akhtar Rawalpindi, March 18

Almost all the important apposition leaders of the Pakistan National Alliance have been detained by police in different cities after demonstrations calling for the resignation of Mr Bhutto, the Prime

They include Maulana Mufii Mahmud, president of the alliance, Air Marshal Asghar Khan, Begum Nasim Wali Khan, Sher Baz Mazari, Chaudhri Rahmat Illahi and Maulana Shah Ahmad Noorani. Professor Ghafur Ahmad,

secretary-general of the alli-ance, who is about the only important member not acrested, told a press conference in Lahore of the countrywide woop. It came shortly after the alliance had rejected Mr Bhutto's second invitation to the opposition leaders for talks on the political crisis which has resulted from allegations that the Government rigged the March 7 general election. Mufti Mahmud, who led a protest march in Peshawar

shortly before his arrest, told

court of misdemeanours found

them guilty of violating anti-espionage laws.

Judge Stephanos Matthias told Kieron Pilbeam, aged 21, Roy Sturges, 28, Christopher Knott,

22. Christopher Taylor, 21 and Temothy James Blyth Spessman, 21, that he did not believe their

story. They were taken to prison immediately after

The Greek lawyer who de-

fended the five said that an appeal had been lodged im-

sentencing.

Inquiry into 'loss of

Bugging' row in Boun

Political circles in Bonn are in uproar about

Maihofer, Minister of the Interior, and other political leaders to his office for talks Page 4

Dublin charges: Ciaran McMorrow, described by

Scorland Yard as Britain's most wanted terrorist, faced arms and explosive charges in court in

Social work: The Government is seeking ways to

prevent expenditure cuts from reducing the

number of social workers receiving training 3

NHS defended: Mr Callaghan denounced

extravagant criticism of the National Health

Service which, he said, was better staffed than

Scoul: South Korean Government fears the

long-term effects of the American decision to

Lebanon: More than 200 Christian villagers have been killed by Druze tribesmen seeking to

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avenge the murder of Kamal Jumblatt

senior teachers'

had been promoted

his followers that the alliance had repeated its demands for the Prime Minister's resignarion, the reformation of the election commission and fresh polls to be held under the supervision of the Supreme Court and the Army.

Air Marshal Asghar Khan was arrested in Labore late last night as be left a restaurant which was surrounded by police. Four other opposition leaders were with the air marshal, who began his campaign against Mr Bhutto about five years ago. It is the first time he has been

Meanwhile, Fazal Elahi Chaudhry, the President of Pakistan, has summoned the newly elected National Assembly to meet in Islamabad on March 26 to elect a new Speaker and Deputy Speaker. The assembly is also expected to re-elect Mr Bhutto as Priote Minister. The alliance's 37 deputies will boycott the session. night the Army was

patrolling the capital and other cities. Kurachi, March 18.-More

see what pleasure could be derived from such a hobby. "How can this silly, tasteless,

dangerous, and costly game be a hobby?" he asked. Mr Spearman replied: "It is a personal satisfaction. It is like

catching a fish and throwing

it back into the sea. It is like climbing a mountain."

Marinakis, chief of intelligence for the Greek Air Force, giving

evidence for the prosecution, said the accused had visited

various military sirfields and

Wing Commander Ioannis

British plane spotters are jailed

Five young Londoners arres was all there was to it.

here today when police opened fire with shotguns during riots over the arrest of the opposition leaders. Clashes continued for several hours in different parts of the city, as demonstrators went on the rampage, ser-

ing and looting shops.

Police took away at least 150 rioters in lorries, but no official information was available as the Government imposed a com-plete news blackour on political disturbances. Demonstrations against the

arrests of the opposition leaders also turned violent in three other major cities, Lahore, Multan and Hyderabad. Stonethrowing crowds were dispersed by police using tear gas. The opposition had planned

big demonstrations in Pakistan's main cities later today and the detained leaders were to head processions in defiance of the Government's ban on public gatherings. Observers said Mr Bhutto had

apparently opted for a show-down with the opposition after their leaders spurned his offer

asking for facilities to photograph Greek military aircraft for their private collection. The

British Naval and Air Attache,

had replied that under no cir-

cumstances were they to take

photographs. He had told them that in view of the tension between Greece and Turkey,

the Greeks were very sensitive

and at least two foreigners had been convicted for this type of

Families appeal: The families of all five men said in London

indiscretion lately.

of inflation last month

Economics Correspondent Inflation fell in February

rith an increase in the retail price index of only 1 per cent. The fall, which was unexpected and has been only partly explained, was the first easing in the pace of inflation since Whitehall expects that there

will be more bad months during the first half of this year before the underlying trend of inflation starts to come firmly downwards. There are many significant price incresses still in the pipeline, particularly for manufactured food and drink and housing costs.

At the end of February the index for all items stood at 174.1, up from 172.4 at the end of January, during which month it had recorded a 2.6 per cent jump. The index for all items except seasonal food was up to 172.5 from 170.9, an increase of 0.9 per cent. If the index, which excludes

seasonal food, is compared with its level six months 220, then during the intervening period an annual rate of 18.5 per cent. During the year to the end of February prices rose by 16.2

which make up the Organizated on what they say was an But Judge Matthias, the pre-aircraft-spotting boliday in siding judge, said he did not the British Embassy in Athens of medewer after the Athens derived from such a hobby. tion for Economic Cooperation bassy in Athens and Development was running at an aunual rate of 8.7 cent in February.

During February there were quite sharp variations in the rate of inflation between various products; the bigest increases. were recorded for consumer durables, alcoholic drink and clothing and footwear, all of which rose by between 16 and 2 per cent.

On the other hand, services and housing costs both rose relatively little and the cost of fuel and light fell because of discounts given on gas and electricity prices. Seasonal foods went up, but not by as much as they did in January. There may now be some

to import prices caused by the collapse of the pound during the first threequarters of last year has worked its way through to the shops.

That would suggest that once the remaining price increases already in the pipeline have worked their way through, which should happen by the early summer, the rate of inflation could be seen follows: flation ought to start falling quite fast. The Chancellor has predicted that by the end of the year the annual rate of inflation will be down to 13 per

cept. This target would, however. depend a great deal on the invact of the Budget on prices eldjer tljrong't an increase in indirect taxation or by easing the next round of pay barguin-

The Chancellor remains commixed to getting another round of pay policy to hold down wage costs. Some recent estimates have suggested that on increase of earnings overall of about 10 to 12 per cent could result in a balving of the inflation rate by next year.

Price rises at present are still running ahead of pay increases, with average carmings going up at about 13' per cent during generally thought that much this this reflects a bunching of pay

Pav rises remainder of this round may be smaller and, since inflation is likely to be high and rising ut least for the next few months, the squeeze on living standards will intensify. An indication of progress on exmings should come on Monday, when new figures are published.

Britain's inflation remains high by international scandards. Latest figures show the annual rate in Belgium is 7.7 per cent, in France 9 per cent, in Japan 9.2 per cent, in the United 5.2 per cent, and in West Germany 4.1 per cent. In Italy, however, it is 22 per cent. Table, page 17

avy men bducted n trawler

The British embassy in Paris protested to the French reign Ministry over an s week, when a French wler disobeyed British inuctions to sail to Dover and stead escaped to Boulogne, ducting a Royal Navy board-

to the trawler, Daniel Roger, is stopped for fishing in itish waters. The French ipper agreed to be escorted a British port, but when officer from the fisheries otection vessel the fisheries board with two ratings, the Tweet skipper promptly about and made his taway.

1.28 hampered by the blocking ctics of other French trawlers. cucs of other French trawlers.

STRODE 51 the British officer and the tings were STROOF ings were released in sulogne and returned to ingland on a cross-channel

vietnam returns illots' remains

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Hanoi, March 18 .- The Vietamese Government has given 1e American Presidential Comhission the remains of 12 merican pilors to take home properties and has set up achinery to handle the probns surrounding servicemen issing in action, according Mr Leonard Woodcock, airmen of the commission.
Mr. Woodcock said it had ileo been disclosed that some Americans were living willingly in Vietnam after deserting.—AP.

Clocks forward

the state of the s should be put forward an hour.
It will end on October 23. Big
len will be stopped from 9.45
to midnight mnight for the change to be made.

Lending rate is down to $10^{\frac{1}{2}}$ pc

The Bank of England yesterday cur minimum lending rate by half a point to 10; per cent, making a further reduction in the cost of overdrafts a strong probability in the near future. A downward move in clearing bank base rares A downward move in clearing bank base rates would increase pressure on the building societies to reduce mortgage charges. Despite the drop in MLR the Bank emphasized that it opposes a further sharp cut in interest rates ahead of the March 29 Budget Page 17

New town cuts urged

An indication that a Conservative government would cut back sharply on new town expenditure to help to revive the centres of the older circies was given yesterday by Mr Hugh Rossi, opposition spokesman on housing and land. He said there was "a good chance" that that would become official Tory policy Page 3

Argentine church plea

Roman Catholic bishops in Argentina have drawn the military government's attention to events "causing anguish" among the population. In a Lenten pastoral letter one of the bishops said that armed groups frequently take people away in violent raids on their homes. He also condemned torture

Palestinians cautious

Mr Yassir Arafat's statement during an interview that he would assist President Carter to achieve a Middle East peace is being played down by Palestine National Council officials Page 5 meeting in Cairo

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that they would appeal to the Foreign Office for help as part numbers and jotted down the of a campaign to get them freed. types of aircraft they saw. The wing commander said the notes seized from the men, Photograph, page 5 Ministers accept need for

By Tim Jones

disastrous.

An investigation is to be made into why many of Britain's senior teachers are not teaching but engaged in paperwork and minor administrative tesks. Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education, told a conference in Birmingham Labour Reporter
The Government committed to formulating a pay restraint policy that will allow the decline in differenthat her inspectors would carry out a survey of be halted without teachers of 10 years' experience and more who opening the floodgates to a wages free-for-all, which they would regard as potentially

The strike by toolroom rontical circles in Bonn are in uproar about the involvement of the federal intelligence service, which is supposed to confine its activities to overseas. in "bugging" conversations between defendants in the Baader-Meinhof terrorist trial and their legal advisers. Herr Schmidt, the Chancellor, called Professor Maihofer Minister of the Interior and other workers at Eritish Levland has clearly convinced ministers that it would be futile to negotiate a further round of the social contract with the TUC that was based on a flat rate formula, which primarily helps the lower

While pressure on the social contract grows, the TUC, which is calling for income tax concessions amounting to £1,500m a year, mainly to help the lower paid, has ruled out any discussions on pay and collective bargaining with the Chancellor of the Exchequer before he presents his Budget on March

Mr Jack Jones, the trans-port workers leader, one of

more flexible pay code the main architects of the social contract, has made it clear that for the next agreement everything will depend on Government action to

restrain prices.
A strong hint that there will be more flexibility in the next round of pay policy, given by Mr Healey during a television debate on Thursday night, will Booth, Secretary of State Employment. Mr Boo Employment. Mr Booth, speaking in Harrogate, will say that the Government has "got the message" on the need for more flexibility.

But he is expected to argue strongly for the continuation of some form of restraint in order to continue the fight against inflation and to convince over-seas customers that Britain is meeting its difficulties with

Mr Booth will outline the benefits achieved for working people by the Government and contend that the sacrifices made in the past two years will be thrown away if wage

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Sir Harold Wilson knew about Powell speeches

resterday that he had received Powell. Rusiness News, pages 17-21.

Stock markets: In light trading the FT Index closed 5.3 off at 428.5, a gam of 12.7 over the week. Gilts responded favourably 17 a new "tap" stock Personal Investment and Finance: advance information during the general election campaign in February, 1974, of speeches by Mr Enoch Powell. But there had been no question of harmonizing his speeches with those of Mr Powell, who had resigned from the Tory party and was urging people to vote Sir Harold was referring to

reports that he and Mr Powell had a link which enabled him to have advance information of speeches to be made by Mr Powell, who was not standing at the election. He agreed that Mr Joe Haines, his former that Mr Joe Haines, his former day that the report was press secretary, did occasionally "correct so far as matters conmeet a prominent journalist firmed by Mr Haines go".

Harold Wilson said who was in touch with Mr

"Little of any interest to me emerged", Sir Harold said. "I knew a few days before of the speech Mr Powell was to make, but no details. My informant was Lord Wigg, who was in touch with Mr Powell through their mutual Common Market interest."

A report in the Daily Express alleged that Mr Powell had a go-between", said to be a London journalist. It quoted Mr Haines only as confirming that he had acted as intermediary. Mr Powell said yester-

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Government to look at Alter course 'loss of teaching talent to paper work'

Education Correspondent Birmingham

The Government is to investigate why many of Britain's senior teachers are not teaching but engaged in paperwork and minor administrations. Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said at a one-day conference of education in Birmingham vesterday. mingham yesterday.

The concern over the loss of

Britain's best teaching talent from the classroom had come over much louder and clearer at the conference than at the previous four conferences arranged by her department, she said. She would ask her inspectors to make a survey of teachers of 10 years' experience and more who had been

Mr Conrad Rainbow, chief education officer for Lanca-shire, told the 240 delegates: shire, told the 240 delegates:
"Top teachers must teach. An examination of what really happens in schools would prove horrifying in terms of the amount of teaching done hy heads, their several deputies, the heads of departments. ments, of year groups, tutor groups, houses, and so on. We must reverse this trend of the past few years and use properly our most valuable asset, the skilled and experienced teachers." He was supported by members of the two biggest teaching unions. Mr Peter ha-

keep, of the National Associa-tion of Schoolmasters Union/ Women Teachers, said: "It is Women Teachers, said: "It is absolutely nonsensical that the better teacher you are during your career the less teaching you will do.

"Highly paid teachers earning 55,000 or 56,000 a year occupy a large amount of their

time in administrative and secretarial work which could well be done by somebody earning less money. If you kept talenced teachers in the classroom, you would see a

Mr H. Mellon, headmaster of a comprehensive school in Coventry and a cember of the National Union of Teachers, said: "I do not thank you can be a headmaster voless you are prepared to teach." He does teach, but admitted he would like to do less paper-

Mrs Rene Spector, personnel manager for Community In-dustry, which employs a dustry. which employs a leavers, said children were leaving school unable to read or write or fill in simple forms. "There is something wrong with our school system which cannot discover what they are good at", she said.
Mrs Williams said she had
spoken to BBC and independent television administrators about the standard of English need in television progremmes ... so many young children

Essex students in clash over occupation

Staff and students clashed at University yesterday administration offices were occupied for the second time in one day by students protesting against Government increases in tuition fees.

The first occupation, which had lasted 12 days, was brought peacefully to an end early vesterday moraing when police officers and a county sheriff's officer accompanied by university officials, served a High Court writ for possession granted on Wednesday.

But scuffling broke out between staff and students at lunchtime, when about two hundred members of the students' union moved into the offices after a decision at a mass meeting.

Police officers were called but they did not interfere and left the campus. The students remained in occupation. They Pupils protest: Sixth-formers at Warstead High School, east London, occupied their common room and from hell verterformers. London, occupied their common room and front hell yesterday in protest against education cuts. "We have a lot of support in other schools and our

Anti-semitism growing at universities'

By Diana Geddes Jewish students in Britain are concerned by what they believe is a growing auti-semitic movement at colleges and universities throughout the

country.
Anti-Zionist motions have been debated by about 18 students' unions this term, and a motion calling on the National Union of Students to sever all links with Zionist groups is on the agenda for the union's

annual general meeting.
Air Peter Elsuer, field worker of the Union of Jewish Students, which is affiliated to the NUS, said yesterday: "The attacks this term are the worst we have had to experience. Mostly we have been successful in defeating the anti-Zionist motions that have been put forward, but we have lost at a couple of very left-wing places with a large number of Arabs among the student body."

posing a number of disabilities on the local Jewish Society.

He said that Salford, together with York University, had put forward a composite anti-Zionist motion for next waster NIIS appeal meeting.

or face election, Liberals say

By Our Political Staff
Mr David Steel, leader of
the Liberal Party, yesterday stated his party's terms for sup-porting the Government in next Wednesday's no-confidence vote forced by the Conservatives.

Mr Steel said in his con-stituency of Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles: "I have called a meeting of Liberal MPs for Tuesday to consider our posion the no-confidence motion.
"Either the Government now

proceeds on the basis of agreed measures in the national in-terest for the next two years, in which case we would be willing to consider supporting such a programme, or else we have a general election in which the people can return a men House of Commons.
"What we cannot do is to stagger on like last night with a lame duck Labour programme which has neither public por

which has neither public bor parliamentary support. The political decision, therefore, rests squarely on the Prime Minister and the Labour Parry. "After the defeat on the devolution guillotine the Government announced that it would proceed to seek the widest possible measure of agreement in Parliament. It must now say whether that principle is to apply to the whole of the Government's programme."

A general election "alert" was sent out yesterday to Liberal organizers. Mr Geoffrey Liberal organizers. Mr Geoffrey Tordoff, the party chairman, said the figures published in the latest Gallup Poll were encouraging: Liberal support was shown at 13 per cent.

The poll also showed that only 37 per cent of the people were satisfied with Mr Callaghan's premiership and 35 per cent were satisfied with Mrs Thatcher's leadership.

"This is in marked contrast

"This is in marked contrast to Mr Steel, who shows a sig-pificant shift in popularity, 41 per cent thinking he is proving a good leader of the party", Mr Tordoff said.

The Liberal leaders, according to purty officials, believe a general election now would enable the party to make gains: the theory is that disenchanted Labour voters would move to them rather than make the complete switch to the Couserratives.

Because of their support for "scusible devolution" they believe they could hold their votes in Scotland and Wales. Mr George Gardiner, Conservative MP for Reigate and Banstead, said last night that the Government was dying and the question was simply when it would be put out of its misery. The decision on that rested show speaks than the services of the serv and economic affairs, said Britain had seen "the extra-ordinary spectacle of a Govern-ment unable to carry its plans through Parliament, but dis-guising the fact by the simple and undemocratic device of

> Most of the money belonged to Mrs Hilda Bruce, the wife of a friend of Mr Criddle. Between 1962 and 1972, counsel said, Mr Criddle systematically abused his position as her solicitor and financial adviser and defrauded her of 571 up. and defrauded ber of £71,000. Mr Humphrey Potts, QC, for the defence, said λlr Criddle

Fundamental issues in 31-week dispute at film-processing laboratory

TUC asked to help in union recognition battle

Schoor trade union leaders will be asked on Monday to sonction further pressure against a London-based filmprocessing laboratory to resolve a 31-week dispute which has raised fundamental issues for the whole trade union move-

ment. The dispute, over union recognition for employees of Grun-wick Processing Laboratoria, at Willesden has become a bitter battle involving High Court actions, arrests and convictions, sympothetic union action, and a parliamentary debate.
On Monday Mr Roy Gruntham, general secretary of the Association of Professional, Execu-

five. Clerical and Computer Smaff (Apex), the union at the centre of the dispute, will ask belp his members. The dispute started last

Unemployment will over-shadow all other difficulties as

inflation and over-government are brought under control. Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, the shadow Chancellor, told Conservatives at Torquay yesterday. Business

men had to be set free to make more jobs, he said.

"Tomorrow's jobs will only come from the self-help of men and women in businesses that

no bureaucrat or politician could ever imagine."

cradle of socialist controls", people needed lower tax rates,

both to reward enterprise and

to make it more worthwhile to be at work than to "languish

Mr Richard Luce. Tory MP

for Shoreham, told women Conservatives in Arundel last night that some people were

flourishing on tax-free unem-ployment pay while their neighbours earned average wages from hard work.

Class privileges occurred everywhere, he said, including the Soviet Union, and the "Marxist bogyman" of class

on the dole"

Instead of the present "cat's

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Free employers to create

more jobs, Tory says

claim with the Advisery, Con-clifation and Arbitration Ser-vice (Acas) under section II of the Employment Protection Act. Acas undertook a survey of the workers to ask whether they wanted to be represented by

According to Acas, it was not able to canvass the opinions of a majority of the workers still inside the laboratory, about 250 people, according to the company. The service's question-noire was distributed mainly to the 100 or so employees who had been dismissed.

After publication of the Acas report, which recom-mended that the company should recognize Apen, the company said it was taking legal advice centring on the definithe finance and general purtion of what was a worker poses committee of the TUC to under the terms of the Employment Protection Act.
The company said that the opinions of those who lost their

August when some workers opinions of those who lost their jobs. Apex recruited them and lodged a recognition that the opinions of those who walked out were not rele-

warfare was irrelevant. What

In Britain those included resentment by those who lost from inflation and the resent-

ment of the powerless self-employed and small business-

A warning that substantial

Although there would be a

continued period of growing

unemployment, the present policy of public spending cuts,

high tax levels and high interest rates would eventually cut inflation, he said.

But heary tax cuts would increase the Chancellor's re-

quirement either to horrow or

to print money. Britain was already overcommitted with

debt, and printing caused more

inflation.
"There is, however, an over-

whelming need for a switch in taxation from direct to indirect, he said, "to counter-

act the drift of the past five

tax cuts in the Budget would be dangerous was given by Mr John Biffen, MP, in his Oswestry

of resentment in society.

mun against the

constituency last night.

bureaucrat.

longer workers.

Mr Grantham maintains that if that submission was proved in law it would make the em-ployment provisions of the Act meaningless and onen up a huge loophole which would enable employers to "dismiss with imputity workers who asked for recognition".

The union, which is paying the stricters £18 a week, believes it is fighting a battle for the whole trade union movement to determine once and for all the "fundamental right" of people to belong to a trade union of their choice.

The company has said it is no -union rather than anti-

During the dispute, which came to prominence when menbars of the Union of Post Office Workers refused to deliver mail to the company, Mr Prior, Conservative spokes-Mr Murray, general secretary generally."

recognized the rights of people not to join a union.

As a result of the dispute the union may also become embroiled in a legal action that could determine exactly what rights people have to picker

This results from the conviction at Willesden Mazistrates Court on charges of obstruction of six strikers who were picketing close to the min getes of the laboratory. Police said the pickets obstructed the pavement, causing passers-by to step into the road.

The police did not dispute that the pickets had at all times been peaceful

A legal opinion given to the union said: "The decision of the court renders illusory the protection which Parliament has sought to give to peaceful pickets and there is therefore at stake an issue which has serious implications for the movement

In brief

Returning officer waives £768 fee

Mr Edward Glendinning, chief executive of Edinburgh District Council, yesterday rejected a proposed 5768 fee for iected a proposed 2/00 fee for his duties as returning officer at the May elections because of political disagreements.

He rold the council's general purposes committee that he had not requested a fee. He felt the matter was controversial and waived fees for himself and his

Supplementary pay for teachers

Supplementary payments to teachers were agreed yesterday at a meeting of the Burnham primary and secondary committee.

From April 1 all teachers whose total remuneration is less than \$3,060 a year will receive an increase of 5132. Teachers whose remuneration is above 54,160 will receive a supplementary payment

Handley plaque

The Greeter London Council is to place a plaque in memory of Mr Tommy Handley, the wartine radio comedian, in Craven Road, Paddington, where he lived during the war and died in 1949.

Arsonist loses appeal Appeals by Edward Regionald Mansfield, agod 42. equina conviction and sentence for manslaughter and arson were dismissed by the Court of Apneal yesterday. He started a fire that killed scren people in a London botel.

Rail chief's car ban

Mr Peter Parker, chairman of British Rail, was fined 180 and the benned from driving for a year, by magistrates at Wirtey, Oxfordshire, yesterday for driv. by ing a car et Witney in January with excess alcohol in his blood

Babies improving

Seven newly born babies who contracted food poisoning in the maternity unit of St James's hospital, Leeds, were improving yesterday and are expected to go home on Monday, hospital officials said.

Boy hurt in explosion

Andrew Costick, aged 14, of Cromwell Road, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, was in hospital in Brighton with eye injuries last night after a chemical explosion in a laboratory at Oakmead School, Burgess Hill

Suspension lifted

Mr Richard North, an-environmental health officer in Leeds, who was suspended or Monday for disclosing part of a report on the state of hospital kitchens, had the suspension

Theft of VC alleged

Gareth Wyn Thomas, aged 21, a securities clerk, of Wedgwood Heights, Holywell, Clwyd, was fill Sill Fremanded on bail until April 15

>@er 50

Strait of Dover: Wind SW. strong, becoming W. moderate; sea rough, becoming slight.

English Channel (E): Wind W. strong, becoming fresh; sea rough, becoming moderate.

St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind NW, strong, becoming fresh; sea rough, becoming moderate.

port in other schools and our teachers are sympathetic.". Richard Boyes, aged 17, a representative at the school of the National Union of School make clear the total rejection by the NUS of racialism." week's NUS are union to sever links with "all explicitly no partiamentary majority in favour of what the Government is planning to spend, or the way it intends to spend our money." Union head demands inquiry into BBC

film 'distortion' of London school Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, has asked the BBC to hold an immediate inquiry into a film on an outer London comprehensive school due to be to the editors of Panerana, the hold an immediate inquiry into a film on an outer London comprehensive school due to be shown on Panorana on Monday. He says the film presents a distorted picture of the school. He says the film presents a distorted picture of the school.

In a letter to Mr Brian Wenham, head of current affeirs for BBC television, Mr Jarvis said the representatives of the staff as a whole had a vital concern in the matter. He wanted an assurance from Mr Wenham that staff representatives would bave the opportunity to whole Jarvis said that from reports from staff at the school he believed the film "presents an unbalanced and votruthful picture of life and worth the believed the film "presents an unbalanced and votruthful picture of life and worth the believed the life and worth rom start at the school ne inelieved the film "presents an inbalanced and vortruthful picture of life and work at the chool".

An undertaking by Miss that start representatives would bave the opportunity to take part in a studio discussion during the Panorana programme, or at least have a statement of their views read out.

Mr Wenham said it would be best to wait to see the film and then to come to a "considered view". ture of life and work at the

From Christopher Walker
Dub'in

With a bushy beard and long,
black hair tied in a pigtail,
Ciaran McMorrow appeared
briefly at the Special Criminal
Court in Dublin last night on
arms and explosive charges that
carry a maximum prison sentence of 20 years.

Ironically, the man described

to the editor of Panorana, the staff had been told that the

Replying to Mr Jarvis vester-day, Mr Wenham said the Panorana team had given an undertaking to show the film in advance only to the head-master, and that had been done.

In any follow-up discussion the BEC would seek to obtain proper representation for dif-forent points of view, including the many views existing among the teachers. He did not say whether there would be any following discussions

were fined £100 each.

No mention was made in Colm Na Gruaighfada, which in attacks in Britain, including the long hair."

Mr McMorrow gave the name Colm Na Gruaighfada, which in English means "Colin of the long hair."

Court clash over Solicitor jailed for offences involving £78,000

A retired solicitor and former Sheriff of Newcastle upon Tyne was sent to prison gery and theft. Horace John Milton Leigh Criddle, aged 71, living on an old ago pension in a corporation flat in Napier Newcastle, pleaded guilty to 26 charges.

and undemocratic device of avoiding a vote. There is down no partiamentary majority in favour of what the Government and dishonesty involving grave and dishonesty involving grave breaches of trust by a practis-ing solicitor. The total involved was more than £78,000.

> became an alcoholic and was infatuated with a woman who was a big speuder.

Father pleads insanity

Michael John Bagot, aged 33, a scientist, of Warley Hill, Brentwood, Essex, who pleaded not guilty because of insanity at Fort William Sheriff Court yesterday to muchering his two daughters, aged eight and six, is to appear at the High Court in Inverness on March 29. Britain's 'most wanted terrorist' remanded in Dublin

love affairs of Yard officers

The love affoirs of senior Scotland Yard detectives were the subject of a sharp exchange between a former detective and Mr Douald For-Central Criminal Cong counsel.

day. Mr Fredorick Lambert, a former chief superintendent, told of the affairs while being questioned about his premaretirement from police in March, 1971 He said he had ma

officers to resign if they were having an affair, but he said that by 1970 the regulation had been withdrawn.

Mr Lambert claimed he was prematurely retired in 1971 on

medical grounds after Commander Wallace Virgo, as overall head of the obscene publications squad, had accused him of upserting the department by rejecting case reports from detectives.

He was giving evidence for the Crown in the trial of six detectives formerly with the obscenc publications squad, who have pleaded not guilty to accepting bribes from pornographers as an inducement or reward for showing favour.

Rate increases

in the counties By Our Planning Reporter

Finance and Accountancy.

219 rating authorities.

average 14.86 pc

devolution 'is no nearer' By David Leigh Political Staff Liberals was possible. The Welsh dissidents showed little response. Mr Pym said rather than an

Labour-Tory agreement on

Gallantry medal: Mr Keith Bower, second coxswain of the

Torbay lifeboat, Devon, at Torbay yesterday after being

awarded the Royal National Life-Boat Institution's gold

medal for gallantry. Mr Bower, aged 31, was in charge of the lifeboat that rescued all 10 crew members of the

Panamanian vessel Lyrma last December in 40ft seas

Talks between Mr Pym, Con-the House, have brought agree-ment on devolution no nearer, Mr Pyot made clear to Con-servatives in Torquay yesterday. He repeated that the Government could not confine itself to the present Bill if it wanted

He said he had made no secret of his own affair in 1970, but it had nothing to do with his retirement or his removal from a police inquiry into corruption allegations made by The Times newspaper.

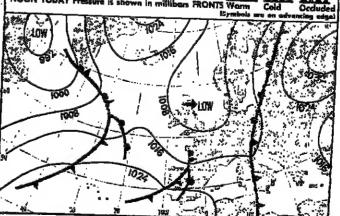
He said he had made no secret is that is what the Government is still attempting. Mr Foot rold the Parliamentary Labour Party on Thursday that legislative time still had to he kept open, if not this session then next for a modified devolution Bill.

Mr Foot, who is to meet the

and respectively. more administrative

powers. However, he sought to appear positive about Scotland, on which a strong Tory faction

activity and decision-taking :



Today Tomorrow Sun rises: Sun seis; 6.6 am 6.12 pm Sun rises: Sun sets: 7.4 am 7.14 pm Moon rises : Moon sets : 7.8 am 8.18 pm 8.18 pm First quarter: March 27.

Lighting up: 7.44 pm to 6.32 am.

High water: London Bridge, 3.6

am. 7 lm (23 texts) 3.63 slight.

By Our Planning Reporter
Average domestic rate increases so far announced for
the coming year range from
7.51 per cent in outer London
to 14.96 per cent in nonmetropolitan counties and
districts, according to the
Chartered Institute of Public
Finance and Accountancy. Moon rises: Moon sets: 5.45 am 6.12 pm The institute's survey covers 219 rating authorities.

Average percentage increases for all categories, including commercial and industrial rate-payers (with the number of authorities included in brackets) are: Non-metropolitan authorities in England (169) 10.95; non-metropolitan authorities in Wales (11) 6.81: metro-New moon: 6.33 pm.
Lighting up: 6.42 pm to 6.34 am.
BST.

High water: London Bridge, 1.27
am, 6.9m (22.8ft); 1.34 pm, 7.2m
(23.7ft). Avonmouth, 7.3 am,
13.4m (44.1ft); 7.23 pm, 17.2m
(43.4ft). Dover. 10.55 am, 6.4m
(21.1ft): 11.13 pm, 6.7m (21.9ft).
Hull, 6.0 am, 7.1m (22.4ft): 6.7
pm, 7.3m (23.3ft). Liverpool,
11.3 am, 9.3m (30.6ft); 11.24 pm,
9.1m (29.9ft).
BST begins 2.0 am.

A depression is expected to re-main near NE England.

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SE, central S. E. central N and
NE England: Sunny intervals:
occasional showers, perhaps heavy
at times with thunder: wind W.
moderate: max temp 11°C (52°F).
Wales, Lake District. SW and
NW England, N Ireland, Channel
Islands, Isle of Man: Sunny latervals, occasional showers, perhaps
heavy at times with thunder: wind
W to NW, moderate or fresh; max

temp 10°C (50°F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee,
Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow,
Central Highlands, Argyll: Sunny
intervals and showers, heavy
occasionally with thunder; wind
variable, light or moderate: max
temp 8°C (46°F).

Murzy Firsh, NE and MW 6 Moray Firth, NE and NW Scot-land, Orkney, Shetland: Sunny intervals, scattered showers: wind E to NE, moderate; max temp 8°C (46°F). Outlook for tomorrow and Mon-ay: Sunny intervals and WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair, t,

am, 7.1m (23.4ft); 3.32 pm, 7.4m

(24.2ft). Avonmouth, 8.42 am, 13.6m (44.5fr); 8.58 pm. 13.3m (43.7ft). Dover, 12.30 pm, 6.5m (21.5ft). Hull, 7.36 am, 7.2m (23.6ft): 7.42 pm, 7.3m (24.0ft). Liverpool, 12.37 pm, 9.4m

Yesterday

Loudon: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm. 11°C (52°F): min 6 pm to 6 am, 8°C (46°F). Humidity 6 pm, 72 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm, 9.2hin. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, 2.9hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,005.7 millibars, rising millibars, rising 1,000 millibars=29.53ip.



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With a bushy beard and lough that tied in a pigtail, Clarsn McAlorrow appeared briefly at the Special Criminal court in Dublin last night on arms and explosire charges that carry a maximum prison sentence of 20 years and tence of 20 years. Inonically, the man described by Scotland Yard as Britain's most wanted terrorist appeared in the same dock facing some of the same charges on which eight members of the Special arms of the same charges on which eight members of the Special Air Service Regiment were tried less than two weeks ago. During the Is-minute hearing Mr McAlorrow, aged 27, a deserter from the Irish Guards, wore a kinaki combat jacket and veries and successed of possessing at eight of pitchers for the provisional IRA suspects on the relarge and carries a maximum sentence of 20 years. Like the eight SAS men pleaded guilty and when he was first captured to speak in pictures of a short haired in custody, should be mention was made in custody. More members of the postesial article in incustody in the same dock facing some of the same charges on which eight members of the Special Air Service Regiment were tried less than two weeks ago. During the Is-minute hearing Mr McAlorrow was also carries a maximum sentence of 20 years. Like the eight SAS men pleaded guilty and man issued by Scotland Yard shriften the same charged in the court early lest incent for the numerous terrorist attacks in Britain, including the Is-miculuting the McAlorrow was tatacks in Britain, including the Is-miculuting the McAlorrow was understood lest night that no formal application for the same charges of which in the same charges in the name of Clarm McCorrow was tatacks in Britain, including the Is-miculuding the McCorrow was to control which in including the Is-miculuding the McCorrow was tatacks in Britain, including the Is-miculuding the McCorrow was tatacks in Britain, including the Ison the McCorrow was tatacks in Britain, including the Ison the McCorrow was tatacks in Britain, including the Ison the McCorrow was tatacks in Pay code discontent shown by conference agendas restraint is abolished com-

after a number of bomb attacks were fined £100 each. in Britain. He was remanded No mention was m

pletely.
When he appeared on BBC Television Mr Healey gave a strong indication that he may be able to accede to the TUC demand for a lower rate of income tax. "I do believe income tax is too high and I would like to be able to reduce . De sain. But, he said, he could not do anything by tax policy to change differentials. There were alternative approaches to

pay policy. For more flexibility

a percentage policy was better than a flat sum. For meeting

up. Mr Healey has said that if another year of pay restraint is agreed, the fall in living standards can cease. If there is no agreement, "the pound will go plummering down again".

Whatever the Chancellor does in the Budget, the mond of the

Whatever the Chancellor does in the Budget, the mood of the rank and file in the trade union movement against a further round of pay restraint will manifest itself at the union confirmation. ferences, which begin next The preliminary agenda for

anomalies there was a case for setting a limit for a bargaining group and allowing people to argue how it should be split

be raised to between £100 and £135 a week.
Four areas, Kent, Notting hamshire, south Derbyshire and South Wales, will be calling for an end to support for the social contract. The miners' president, Mr Joseph Gormley, has said that he cannot ask his members to continue to accept pay restraint.

Yesterday leaders of the Yesterday leaders of the

1 estercay leauers or the three railway minons rejected a clause in their new pay agreement that would prevent them, under present pay policy, from

the National Union of Mine-workers conference in July con-rains six resolutions calling for the pay rates of face workers to be raised to between £100 and £2.50 and £4 a week from April

Mr Ray Buckton, general secretary of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, said: "We are now free to negotiate from August," Mr Sidney Weighell, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, said the unions had asked for the clause to be withdrawn "because of the fluid situation in regard to stage three of the pay policy, or none at all".

rejected again

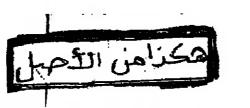
The union rejected the document, Programme for Action, by 2.232 votes to 977. The National Graphical Association National Graphical Association and the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel (Natsopa) have already rejected it.

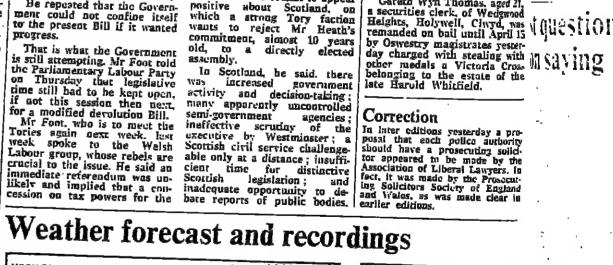
Technology plan

ries in Wales (11) 6.81; metro-politan authoritics (19) 10.17; inner London authorities (8) 8.98; outer London authorities (12) 5.65.

A decision by members of the largest printing union, the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades (Sogat), to reject the joint proposals for the introduction of new technology for national newspapers in Fleet Street and Manchester has probably destroyed all hope of the recommendations being adopted

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Weather forecast and recordings



The four candidates for mayor of Paris prepare, with interviewers, for a television debate. M Chirac, the Gaullist favourite, is in the centre (left) and M d'Ornano, his main opponent, is on the extreme right.

the END is limited legally to Minister, and other political

Alliance of left not easily explained in Lille

From Edward Mortimer Lille, March 18

M Pierre Mauroy, the mayor of Lille, is a key figure in the French Socialist Party, ranking second after M François Mittersecond after M Francois Mitter-rand. He it was who, at the congress of Epinay-sur-Seine in 1971, enabled M Mitterrand to take over the party from outside by casting in his favour the block vote of the Nord, the department of which Lille is the capital, and in which the old socialist party had its larg-

est membership. M Mauroy's personality pro-vides the strongest link between the old party and the new leadership, and many people see him as M Mitterrand's most likely successor. But the accep-tance of M Mitterrand's leadership means also the acceptance of his strategy of alliance with the Communists, and this was none too easily swallowed by the old socialist militants of the Nord

In this most heavily indus-

From Dan van der Vat

The eye of the political

storm in West Germany over

the use of bugging against ter-orism centred on the Chancel-

lery today when it became known that the BND, the fed-

eral intelligence service, was

Herr Klaus Bölling, the chief

a statement this morning about

resterday's disclosure that con-

ultations between the accused in the Bander-Meighof tor-

rorism trial and their counsel

cavesdrop at Stammheim prison, Smitgart, where the tatel is being held, had called

in federal security agencies for

He disclosed, however, that requests for help had gone not

only to the Office for the Pro-

isculon of the Constitution, the

counter intelligence service,

which is under the authority of the Minister of the Interior,

but also to the BND. The BND

is controlled by the head of the Chancellor's office, Dr Manfred Schüler, who had

rechaical assistance.

Manfred Schüler,

agreed to the request.

From Our Correspondent

tions in a general strike.

The offices of a Milso indus-

trisi company were devastated with petral bombs enday while clsewhere carremist students

d'srupted workers' demonstra-

hions in a general strike.

Masked wooths broke away from a 10,000-strong march organized by left-wing students in Milan, held two guards at pistol point and threw petrol hombs into the offices of the Magneti Matrelli Electrical Company. Four employees trapped by the figures had to be rescued by firemen through the windows.

windows.

The offices of another com-

pany were attacked with gua-fire and more petrol bombs. Elsewhere students burnt a papier maché replica of a tank

in symbolic process against the Government.

West Germans

back US

Rame, March 18

Good, March 18

cipal council, elected in 1971, contained Socialists and Cen-

45.55 per cent of the votes cast, against 41.58 per cent for the

trialized part of France, the left M Segard argues that he can this in view, since it doe has been dominant for half a still win if the turnout on the allow change in the century and the toughest polisecond ballot is higher. Describbetween the two bellots.

tical battles have seen Commun- ing himself as a Social Demoists and Socialists on opposite crat by conviction (he is not a wing parties to form joint lists sides. when the first hallow if one the minister is urging genuinely democratic Socialists to turn out and support him in order to stop the Communists getting "These elections, as seen by

"These elections, as seen by Mauroy and the Communists, have nothing to do with local government", M Segard told me today. "The object is to get people used to voting for a Socialist-Communist alliance. M Mauroy could have won on the first ballot if he bad put up a nurely Socialist list and in. a purely Socialist list, and in-

a purely Socialist list, and indeed I myself would not have
stood against him."

M Mauroy himself agrees
that his reasons for bringing
in the Communists are national
rather than local. "For many
years," he told me, "the right
has speculated on the divisions
between Socialists and Communists." The voting system for
municipal elections, he added,
was designed with precisely
this in view, since it does not
allow change in the lists

leaders for a series of consul-tations which went on into the

tations which went on into the early hours of today.

Dr Helmus Kohl, leader of the opposition Christian Democrats, spent one and a holf hours with Herr Schmidt.

Later today, a Bundestag debase on agricultural policy was postponed to enable all parliamentary perties to hold

emergency meetings. Dr Kohl told his own collea-

gues that there were rumours of bugging operations in seven

of West Germany's 10 states. The spokesman of the ruling

Social Democratic parliamen-

tary party told reporters that further bugging revelations could be expected over the

The Free Democrats, junior

partners in the coalition with

the Social Democrats, adjourned their meeting, to enable Herr Genscher, the

enable Herr Genscher, the Foreign Minister, who is the

party chairman, to break off an official visit to Madrid in

time to take part in any deci-

came to the fore three weeks ago, when it was disclosed that the counter intelligence service

had bugged the home of a nu-clear scientist with friends on

the fringe of the terrorist

Spain pardons

cuts jail terms

Madrid, March 18.—The Spanish Government pardoned

more political prisoners today and cut the jail terms of others to cool the climate for general elections in June.

Coupled with an amnesty decree issued yesterday, the

new measures are expected to enable most, if not all, of the estimated 200 political prisoners

to go free. A royal decree dealing with prisoners not covered by the amnesty par-doned those not directly in-volved in murder or causing

The measures, however, excluded left-wing and right-wing extremists held responsible for a wave of political violence last January which the government said was aimed at provoking the Army to seize power.—

prisoners or

The whole issue of bugging

next few days.

before the first ballot if one of them is not to be excluded from the council altogether. "But in these elections the system has not worked for the

the left it has enabled united left lists to win in many towns on the first ballot, while in other places (Paris for instance) the right has become the victim

of its own system."

M Mauroy admits that he could probably have won without Communist support. But "Lille is a kind of Mecca of French socialism. We could not allow it to be an exception to the national rule".

the national rule".

Two years ago, he said, he would not have been sure how the voters of Lille would take it. But today people were no longer frightened of the Communists. They are becoming like the Lizian Communists and this explains the success of the this explains the success of the Union of the Left. No one has any interest in pushing them back into their Ghetto."

OVERSEAS

South Korean Government fears long-term repercussions of withdrawal by American forces

Seoul, March 18

President Park Chung Hee of South Korea is apparently con-fident that his Army of 560,000 men can maintain the military balance between Seoul and Pyongyang after American ground forces are withdrawn from the peninsula. But his government is deeply concerned over the long-term psychologi-cal and diplomatic repercus-sions of President Carter's de-cision to withdraw them.

One of his associates said: "At the moment the Americans have a force of about 16,000 combatants in South Korea. Their strategic value has little meaning when you look at the size of our armed forces. The number can easily be replaced. But they provide a psychological deterrent in more ways than one. That is what we are worried about."

In the first place the Gov-erament is worried that Peking may revise its policy of restraint on the peninsula after the withdrawal.

At the moment the Government is convinced that China is restraining North Korea from

turn down

American aid

Washington, March 18.— Guatemala today became the fifth Latin American country to turn down American military

aid in protest against United States criticism of human

Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay and El Salvador had previously aunounced their withdrawal from American military aid programmes, which now re-

quire an annual report to Con-

gress from the State Department on respect for human

A recent State Department report to Congress listed Guatemake among the 10 Latin American countries considered partially free."

rights violations.

any rash act. A war on the peninsula would bring China into another confrontation with the United States—and that is apparently the last thing Peking wants. But subtract the American factor and we are in

wants. But subtract the American factor and we are in another ball game."

The official acknowledged hat in the short term, a gradual withdrawal was likely to give South Korea a breathing space to build up its economy and armed forces. "We do not think kim Il Sung (the North Korean President) will embark on any action while the American forces are in the act of withdrawing from South Korea, He has been trying to get American has been trying to get American troops our of korea for three decades. But afterwards any-thing can happen. That is why we want to keep an American presence here as long as pos-sible."

Mr Park Jung Kyu, another of President Park's close associates, said that the American decision did not shock the nation. "Our economy is booming now and the nation is more confident that South Korea can match the North Westerness was match the North. We were more deeply shocked in 1970 when the United States declared that

Guatemalans Castro visit cements

was returning to Tanzania for a big game hunt later roday.

His warm reception here and in Dar es Salaam, the Tanzanian capital, reflects the growing friendship and cooperation between Cuba and Tanzania, President Julius Nyerere visited Cuba in 1974

and since then Havana's aid to Tanzania has risen sharply.

links with Africa

Zunzibar, March 18.—Dr sence has implications Castro, the Cuban Prime Minister, arrived here for a brief publicly praised and suppovisit today. He was met by Mr Cuban military and economy About Jumbe, Zanzibar's Chief aid to Angola.

There has been no annous ment of Dr Castro's plans a his Tanzanian visit, but Proceedings of the Cuban leader has Tanzanian visit, but Proceedings of the Cuban leader his Tanzanian visit, but Proceedings of the Cuban leader his Tanzanian visit, but Proceedings of the Cuban leader has tanzanian visit, but Proceedings of the Cuban leader has tanzanian visit, but Proceedings of the Cuban leader has tanzanian visit, but Proceedings of the Cuban leader has tanzanian visit, but Proceedings of the Cuban leader has tanzanian visit, but Proceedings of the Cuban leader has tanzanian visit, but Proceedings of the Cuban leader has tanzanian visit, but Proceedings of the Cuban leader has tanzanian visit vi

The main purpose of Dr pared for unscho Castro's visit is to strengthen changes.—AP, Reuter bilateral relations. But his pre- Agence France-Presse.

the Seventh Division would be withdrawn from the peninsula. It was a bolt out of the blue. This time we knew that withdrawal would take place for some time. It was not a shock. It was like having your worst suspicions confirmed.

According to the Institute of Strategic Studies, North Korea maintains an army of 410,000 men but it can call up another two million men from its reserves and militia force. North Korea's Air Force maintains 588 combat aircraft and has air superiority over the South, which can put only 216 combat aircraft in the air. Moreover, Seoul's air defence system is supplemented by three American fighter squad-

President Carter has declared that the United States will continue to provide South Kores with air support after the ground troops are withdrawn. At present the United States maintains a military strength of 40,000 men in South Korea. The Second Division, 13 ich has 16,000 men, is expected to be withdrawn under a phased-out

southern Africa. Tanzania has publicly praised and supported Cuban military and economic

There has been no announcement of Dr Castro's plans after his Tanzanian visit, but President Samora Machel of Mozambique received a Cuban Communist Party delegation last November, and Western intelligence sources have said Cuban troops are helping the

Cuban troops are helping the Mozambique Army.

Official Tanzanian sources said his visit to Tanzania was his last stop on his African tour, but observers are pre-

unscheduled

Argentine Church to make human rights plea

Buenos Aires, March 18 Argentina's Roman Catholic Argentina's Roman Catholic bishops, apparently feeling in creasingly worried about violations of human rights, have decided to notify the military Government of their views on events "causing anguish among different sectors of the

population ". The Archbishop of Córdoba, Cardinal Primatesta, who is president of the Episcopal Conference, said last night that the church would deliver a confidential note expressing that wiews to the Government. He said that this had been decided at a two-day meeting of the 12-member permaneur commission of the Episcopa Conference. It discussed Conference. It discussed national and religious problems from the Christian point of view that "all men are sons of God" and therefore "have

Since the military coup a year ago, the bishops have twice drawn the Government's twice drawn the Government's attention to human rights. A pastoral letter delivered to President Videla last May warned him against excessive zeal in the fight against leftwing guerrillas at the expense of civil liberties. Last July the bishops protested at the murder of three priests and two seminarists by one of the armed squads acting with impunity in Argentina.

Since then the church has

equal rights ".

Since then the church has become one of the main chanels open to the hundreds, possibly thousands of people myby armed squads identifying themselves as military person-

The Bishop of Neuquén, Mar Jaime de Nevares, a member of the permanent commission sits on the board of the Permanent Assembly for Human Rights, which includes prominent politicians and pro-fessional men and helps people trying to trace their relatives.
The Bishop of Lomas de
Zamora, Mgr Desiderio Elso
Collino, has recently publicly
condemned the abductions in a
Lenten pastoral letter. Recounting the abduction of

one of his social workers, he said: "With increasing frequency afflicted relatives and friends come to us telling us how armer groups come to their homes, and with the most via-lent procedures literally assault their property, taking away one or more of the family without giving any expla-nation either before or after the operations." The bishop added that "in

the necessary repression of subversion it is not legitimate to strike those who offer no resistance, and torture is a grave sin".

Marcos visit to Japan make a state visit to Japan from April 25 to 28, it was

In Lille, the outgoing muni-

trists but no Communists and the same was true of many the same was true of many other fewers in the region. But this time M Mauroy, faithful to the strategy of the new Socialist leadership, has broken with the centre and has given 10 of the 43 places on his list to the Communists. Last Sunday this list received

pro-Government list led by M. Norbert Ségard, the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications. The remaining votes went to an extreme-left list and to a " selfmanagement and ecology list". Most of them can be expected to transfer to M Mauroy in the second ballot on Sunday, giving M Mauroy good reason to be confident that he will remain

Bonn thrown into confusion over

Although its only known role in the Stammheim bugging

was helping the responsible state authorities with the tech-

nicalities of electronic eaves-

dropping, questions are already being asked about its possible involvement in other such

new dimension to the storm of

controversey raging here about

the activities and competence of all West German security agencies, including the mili-

that they would immediately withdraw from the trial,

although they would retain

trial. Andreas Baader, Gudrun Eossin and Jan-Carl Raspe, announced through their law-yers that they would start an

urlimited protest hanger strike on Monday. Their last hunger

strike in 1974 before the trial

began was followed by the death of their fellow accused.

Students clashed with Com-

munist workers taking part in a demonstration in Naples. A

a demonstration in Naples. A number of people were injured. Other workers' demonstrations were disrupted by students in Cagliari, Bologna and Bari.
Student violence has been spreading since a medical student was shot in Bologna last week. They are protesting against unemployment and difficult conditions in the universities.

Some 10 million workers were

on strike today for periods ranging from four to 24 hours in protest against government

moves to restrict threshold payments, a condition set by the International Monetary Fund for Future loans, as well as against the rate of unemploy-

ment. They are also demanding increased investments in the

The three defendants at the

bugging in terrorist trial

had been bugged, he con-firmed that the authorities in. At Stammheim, the nercon-rhe state of Baden-Wütten-lierg, who took the decision to the official admission about the buggins announced today

withdraw

their briefs.

Holger Meins.

reed to the request.

In Bonn, Herr Schmidt, the Like the Central Intelligence Chancellor, called to his office

Petrol bomb attack on

Milan industrial offices

Agency in the United States, Professor Maihofer, the Interior scene.

Franco's secret

From Harry Debelius Madrid, March 18

wielded considerable power under Franco, seem to be on the verge of making a come-back. The semi-official news agency Cifra reported today that the creation of a new autiterrorist brigade was about to

filtrating and breaking up lefbegan to weed out politicized policemen, moving them to less sensitive posts.

He was recalled to Madrid early this year when Senor Suafrez's Government found itself at a loss how to handle the kidnappings of Sedor Antonio Maria de Oriol, the president of the Council of State, and LieutenantGeneral

of sodium pentathol, the truth drug", on his prisoners, has apparently made him and his cohorts indispensable to the Government.

Terrorist Brigade (BNA) would be under the orders of the director general of security and would be authorized to operate anywhere in Spain. Other sources said Senor

the end of the month. In Bilbao today police defused a bomb found in a church which was a frequent meeting place for Basque home-rule

police make

The report said that the pro-Secor

Emilio Villaescusa, the presi-dent of the Military Supreme

"well informed sources" as saying that the National Anti-

Conesa's appointment would probably be amounted before

Mrs Gandhi told to accept verdict From Richard Wigg Delhi, March 18

comeback

The political police, who

bable commander would be Senor Roberto Conesa, who recently rescued two senior officials being held by Granothe left-wing extremist group— and pur a number of Grupo activists behind bars.

Señor Conesa, who earned a reputation in the days of the dictatorship for successfully intist organizations, was transferred from the Social Brigade. or policical police, to Valencia as provincial police chief last year when the Government

His success in that case, despite still unproved accusations that he used injections of sodium nemathol, "the

The news agency quoted

Mr Ram sounded confident tonight and maintained that

Mr Jagjivan Ram, the oppo-sition leader and former minis-ter who broke with Mrs Gandhi, tonight warned the Prime Minister that she would be "riding a tiger" if there was any attempt to interfere with an opposition victory in the general election "by uncon-stitutional means."

From Our Correspondent

India's efforts to buy heavy water from the Soviet Union for one of its atomic power

reactors has run into diffi-

for the second 200 megawatt reactor in Rajasthan, but the deal has become bogged down at the stage of detailed nego-

to inspection to ensure that the

heavy water is not used at any other reactor than the one specified in the deal.

The Soviet Union says that it treaty.

The Soviet leaders are

Delhi, March 18

culties.

trations.

in Indian nuclear deal

ported to have agreed to sell subjected to the agency's safe-some 200 tomes of heavy water guards.

Russia is said to have demanded their all Indian nuclear installations, nor those of Rajasthan alone, should be opened to cut off nuclear assistance to

Mrs Gandhi's charge yesterday that the opposition leaders had sought to create chaos.

there was no possibility of the that presiding officers had congress Party's preventing an reported that ballot papers opposition victory and a were seized, all were marked thange of power.

The Election Commission and then placed in the ballot

today ordered repolling in 23 stitutional means."

"Mrs Gandhi is sensible districts of five constituencies enough not to think of such in Westt Bengal and one in things," the leader of the Kashmir, where voting on breakaway Congress for Wednesday had been forcibly Democracy observed. Mr Rum interfered with. The repolling was speaking at a press con-

has an agreement with the International Atomic Energy

Agency not to supply certain

materials, confement and com

ponents for nuclear production

to countries which have not signed the non-proliferation treaty, unless the plants are

India believes that Russia is stretching its obligation to the International Atomic Energy

Agency unnecessarily by extend-ing the scope of safeguards be-

India after the explosion of an

Indian nuclear device in May, 1974. India is not a signatory to

the nuclear non-proliferation

Bengal, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh. The number involved in repolling is minimal compared with the size of the total electorate.
The commission said today

Special observers from the commission have been sent to five constituencies at the request of the opposition. They include the Prime Minister's Rae Bareli constituency and Marcos of the Philippines will ference he gave in Delhi at the Yesterday, the Commission that of Amethi, which is being end of all electionecting ordered repolling at 18 other contested by Mrs Gandhi's before Sunday's final day of polling stations in Bihar, West younger son.

Russia demands safeguards | Another Charter 77 man held at Patocka funeral

police have arrested another former Communist Party offi-signature of the Charter 77 cial, but released him the same signatory of the Charter .77 manifesto on human rights, informed sources said today.

Mr Jiri Nemeca, psycholo-gist, was arrested on Wednes-day at the funeral of Professor Jan Patocka, a principal spokesman for the Charter 77 an Patocka, a principal On Tuesday the police pokesman for the Charter 77 released Mr Frantisek Parmovement, they said.

Sources in the human rights tor, who had been held in present reported on Tuesday ventive detention since January. movement, they said.

movement reported on Tuesday the arrests of Mrs Vera Jirousova, an art historian, Mrs. Libuse Silhanova, a sociologist, Mr Ladislav Hejdanek, a philo-sopher, and Mr Petr Uhl, a former student leader. Some reports said that Mr a former theatre director, Varlay Cermy, an art historiau, had also been detained.
On Wednesday, the police On Wednesday, the police Interest was not a signator Charter 77.—Reuter Agence France-Presse.

Prague, March 18.-The detained Mr Milan Huebl, a

The police also detained Mr Nemec's children, Andreas, aged 16, and Markers, 20, at the funeral, but freed them after a few hours.

esday ventive detention since January.

Jirou Three other people arrested

Mrs in January are still in detention: Mr Vaclav Havel, a playcharter spokerwright and a charter spokerman. Mr Jiri Lederer. a journalist and Mr Ota Ornest, a former theatre director, Mr Ornest was not a signatory of

Katangan exiles march against Zaire again

Kinshasa, March 18

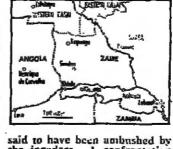
At this distance from the invaded areas of Zaire, with no telephone connexious to a region 1,500 miles away, it is

difficult to discern fact from the host of romours circulating here. According to Western diplomats, however, the invasion began on March 8. Forty men, they say, crossed the border from Angola at a frontier checkpoint where two Zaire guards were on duty without radio communication.

or advanced weapons.

The invaders were then said to have seized the towns of Dilolo, Kapanga and Kisenga. Five days later the invaders were reported to have taken the town of Sandoa It is be-

the town of Sandon It is bethe town of Sandoa. It is be-lieved that the invaders are Katangese gendarmes, part of a militia force that has fought under four flags since it was formed 16 years ago to fight for the secession of what was then called Katanga province. The region is now called Shaba. The first battle of the inva-sion was said to have been in Kapauga. where units of the invading column were met by a company of Zaire troops. Half the company tried to cross a bridge to meet the invaders, setting off an explosion as the



the invaders. A confrontation The Government of Zaire has put the number of troops who followed in the wake of this sketchy reports have indicated first border crossing at 5,000. The invaders, described as mercenaries by Zaire, were said to be armed with heavy weapons when the invading force took Kapanga six days ago, the was also reported at Kisengi before that town fell. Kapanga six days ago, the leader of the unit identified himself to eight American Methodist missionaries there and asked them to get in touch with their mission headquarters in Kolweyi a mining circ by in Kolwezi, a mining city, by

radio to the missionary super-visors and said that the attack in Zaire was being carried out by the National Front for the liberation of the Congo, and that the purpose of the invasion was to overthrow the Government of President Mobula. The National Front for the Liberation of the Congo was formed in 1963 after Mr Moise Tshombe failed in his attempt to split Katanga from Congo and many of his militiamen fled into exile in Angola, where

between Zaire and Angola.
President Mobutu gave active support to the National Front for the Liberation of Angola, one of the two rivals to the Popular Movement.

Last spring, when it appeared that the Popular Movement had won international and African recognition as the sole Angolan Government, President Mobutu signed an agreement with President Aghostino Neto of Angola. Angola.
A key aspect of that agree-

A key aspect of that agreement was understood to be a willingness by both men to restrain emigré elements in their countries. In effect, they agreed to tether and hold hostage populations that could create trouble in each other's country. Under the agreement create trouble in each other's country. Under the agreement, Angola would restrain the Katangese and Zaire would control the National Front pertisus who had withdrawn into Zaire from Angola.

Early this February, however, the Angolan President announced suddenly that he had learnt of a plan called "Cobra 77", which he described as a blueprint for the invision of his comparing

for the Soviet and Cuban-aided Popular Movement faction in its struggles against opposing nationalist troops.

The invasion took place against a background of increasing tension and hoseille between the two countries and urging tension and hoseille between the two countries and urging Angola to undertaken. reconciliation. His messages are reported to have gone un-

The Angolan President has The Angolan President has said Angola has no involvement in the Zaire invasion. This statement is discounted by observers who point out that the invaders had to come from somewhere and that their weapons and lines of supply also seem to admire the property of the control of t also seem to originate south of Zaire. There have been unconfirmed reports of white, possibly Cuban, officers with the invaders.

The forces of the National Front who have regrouped over the past few months, are said to be holding sway in certain rural areas of north-eastern Augola and to have stepped up their activities in Cabinda, Angola's oil-producing enclave. Dr liolden Roberto, leader of the National Front, has made his base in Kinshasa, where he reported to have been kept in check by President Moburt.
New York Times News Service.

Brazzaville, March 18-Zuire radio today denied press re-ports that the industrial towns September this year, to be directed by the United States and Western powers. That statement was followed immediately by allegations that insurgents setting off an explosion as the bridge was mined.

Some 40 men were reported they fought for the Portuguese to have been lost. The other half of the Zaire column was Augolan nationalist factions.

In a broadcast monitored by allegations that insurgents the radio also denied reports operating from Zaire had attacked a village in northern Augola, killing 43 people.

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sale to Nato Bonn, March 18 .- Herr Georg

Leber, the West German De-fence Minister, said today that he supports the purchase of a costly American-designed air-borne warning and control system (Awacs) for Nato. On his return from a two-day visit to the United States, he told a press conference: "We have jointly agreed that Awacs must become a Nato project." He added, however, that no legal commitment had been entered into. Under the system aircraft packed with electronic equipment would peer up to 400 miles across the borders of potential enemies.-

Soares EEC speech rouses Lisbon MPs

underdeveloped south.

From Our Correspondent Lisbon, March 18 Dr Soares, the Portuguese Prime Minister, told an applauding Parliament today that membership of the EEC would end Portugal's isolation support for Portugal's applica-tion, which will be formally lodged at the end of the month. Addressing the Assembly on the implications for the country

Membership would be an end to Portugal's isolation, and a logical sequel to the April revo-

and was a logical sequel to the April, 1974, revolution. The Prime Minister returned to Lisbon this week after visiting five EEC countries seeking of its future accession to the Community, Dr Soares said it would "give Portugal a new national identity and the place it deserves in the international

Since the decolonization of

its former African possessions, Portugal had returned to its European frontiers. That did not mean that membership of the EEC could be looked upon as a new Africa, offering riches without working for them.

lution.

The Prime Minister emphasized that 50 per cent of Portugal's foreign trade was with Community countries. Like such countries as Britain, Portugal would be a such countries as Britain, Portugal would be a such countries.

Later, Dr Soares answered questions put to him by MPs of parties both for and against his minority Socialist Government's EEC policy.

Late last night Dr Soares closed a marathon two-day debate on the Government's strict new austerity measures with a spirited defence of its policies. He assured MPs that his Cor. He assured MPs that his Goverument's measures were not contradictory to democratic socialism. "We are asking sacrifices", he said, "but not for ever, and if within three tugal would pass through a or four years all goes well, it transitional stage before enjoying full membership, thus giving it time to prepare itself as all part of the goal of full integration in Europe. No vote. great national project", he de- was taken at the end of the clared. Prolonged applause debate, which was never hos-greeted the end of his address. tile.

SPORT.

Oxford University, hundredth anniversary of the only dead heat" in the history of

the Boat Race, start as one of the

strongest favourites of all time for

today's race (1.0). A century ago

professional waterman "Honest

John " Phelps supposedly an-

heat to Oxford by five yards".

Oxford's confidence today must almost parallel that of the Com-

nunist Party in the Soviet Union

in being returned to power at the next election. Only a self-inflicted

"death wish" or an insurance escape clause "an act of God."

can stop Oxford today.

While Oxford are one of the
best ever Boat Race crews to be

seen on the Tideway, Cambridge,

too, are possibly one of the most

underrated. Cambridge with the tag of underdogs throughout, have

played their cards coolly and

admirably. In major pieces against pacing crews, they remained undefeated and despite the chips

being against them have gained

Oxford were favourites for

today's 123rd Boat Race the

moment they crossed the line last year in their record-breaking win to become the first crew ever to

beat the 17-minute barrier on the

Tideway. This year's crew is

headier than the 1976 vintage and Oxford, for varying reasons, have

left four of last year's crew, who are still at the university, as spec-

Only two of last year's crew romain, Mason, the president now rowing in his third race, and Wiggins, an outstanding world junior medals winner. The third Blue in the crew is Money-Courts, and the crew is money-courts.

a world junior silver medal winner, much the wiser after his defeat in the Boot Race two years

defeat in the Bost Race two years ago.

The Oxford crew is complemented this year by an outstanding crop of freshmet—" the wild colonial boys"—in an outstanding Australian, a promising Canadian and an exceptional American. Twenty-four-year-old Australian, Michelmore, a gold and bronze world lightweight medal winner, strokes Oxford today. The 2001b Canadian Moran sits among the bow foor with a Pan-American bronze and a Henley win behind him. In this star-studded cast Oxford have a "superstar" in Al Shealy, who stroked the United

Oxford have a "superstee" in Al Shealy, who stroked the United States eight to the world title in 1974. Shealy is content to sit in the six-seat today to anchor the Oxford crew. Oxford have the obvious advantage of pedigree, age and experience and start today almost half a stone heavier than their rivals.

beir rivals.
Cambridge cannot follow that.

considerable respect.

tators on the bank.

nounced a verdict of a

Rowing

Beirut, March 18.—Enraged uze tribesmen have killed tre than 200 Christian vilers to avenge the assassina-n of Kamal Jumblatt, the tist leader, police said today, zens more Christians were rerted missing, apparently kid-pped by angry Muslims. Government security officials

id that a whole Christian clan is buried under the rubble of thurch blown up in the village Barouk, about fifty miles uth-east of Beirur in the atral Lebanese mountains.

We do not know the number buried victims", one official id. "It is the entire Nakhle mily. Men took their wives id children for shelter in the nurch, but the Druze blew up is church with dynamite." There was no official an-nuncement of the rising tide i revenge killing and kidnap-ing, and the censored local ewspapers made no mention

f it. A Christian Phalange adio report claimed that more is a 60 villagers had been acked to death, knifed or had leir throats cut as part of a loody revenge

The missing Christians were iken at gunpoint from their jountain homes after Jumblatt as killed on Wednesday in an mbush on a mountain road in is native Druze country. His illers have not been identified. The 59-year-old socialist and niliumire was the hereditary hiof of the 175,000-member truze sect, an offshoot of Islam hat believes strongly in re-inge. The country's Christian political leaders have appealed of President Sarkis for protecion and said that the reprisals ould rekindle the civil war.

Bairut reopened for business aday after a 24-hour shutdown if the Muslim sector to mourn

Police spokesmen said they were unable to explain a series of grenade blasts and machinegun fire that shook Beirut's southern areas early this more ing particularly near the Sabra Pulestinian refugee camp.

A spokesman for Jumblant's Progressive Socialist Party said that Druze religious leaders were touring the Chouf mountain region around Beirut to counsel restraint among outaged followers of the assassinated leader.

Some reports said President Sarkis had sent an additional 1,000 Syrian troops to reinforce the 4,000 soldiers dispatched to the Chouf yesterday to impose order. The Christian Phalange radio said the peacekeepers had taken up positions in the five Christian villages that had been the main targets of Druze what.

Church chanon day make if revenge right. March 18.—Enraged From Robert Fisk French court which looked for of Mr Yassir Arafa the cause and found me in the Palestine Organization. He desired the cause and found me in the Palestine Organization. He desired the cause and found me in the Palestine Organization. He desired ever said. Innocent' Abu Daoud angered by If Oxford lose the Kremlin will fall questions on Munich massacre

To say that the Palestinians are parading Mr Abu Daoud to the press in Cairo would be unfair, for the man whom the Israelis claim planned the massacre of their athletes at Munich five years ago is a rounne delegate to the current session of the Palestine National Council.

He appears just before 10 am each day at the doors of the council hall in the Arab League building beside the Nile, a very rall, slightly loping figure in a well-cut brown suit and sunsking a cigarette in a long elegant holder.

Yet the Palestinian leader-Yet the Falestinian leader-ship do not allow just any dele-gate to talk to the press and Mr Abu Daoud has been more than forthcoming of late when reporters have approached him in the blue mossic corridor just inside the main doors.

He is prepared to speak about American policy towards Israel, about Mr Kamai Jumbiatt's assassination in Lebanon and even—in a rather defensive, wav—about the Munich massarre. We are prepared to speak the first the f sacre. No one prevents him from talking and the Palestinions presumably think he makes compulsive listening. He still maintains that his arrest in Paris. last year while

attending the funeral of a mirdered Palestinian was jointly arranged by the French police and the Israelis and he still praises fulsomely the

French court "which looked for of Mr Yassir Arafat, his leader

But conversations that go on too long about what happened at Munich in 1972 are not wel-comed. "I am still ready to go to West Germany in order to he says when you ask him if it was true that he directed the Munich terrorist attack. "If I had committed such a"—he pauses for a moment—" a thing, then I do not think I would be prepared to go to a Gerdian

Does that mean, you ask, that he denies any involvement in Munich? Mr Abu Daoud be-comes a little impatient, "I comes a little impatient. "I believe in fighting inside our occupied territories and I'll keep fighting there", he

Does that mean he really denies involvement in Munich, you ask again ? Mr Abu Daoud is angry now: "I told you I was is angry how: "I told you I was prepared to stand before a court in West Germany because I know that I am innocent."

But he will not refer to the Munich killings as "a crime". When questioned further, he accuses the Israelis of terrorism —referring particularly to the Israeli bombing of refugee camps in southern Lebanon and points out that five Pales-tinians also died at Munich He does not say that the five were holding gons and keeping hostages.

Politically, Mr Abu Daoud would appear to be to the left

in the Palestine Liberation Organization. He denies that Mr Arafat ever said he "trusted" President Carter but says it is "good to bear" that Mr Carter referred to a "bomeland" for Palestinians even though he called them refugees.

When I asked him what he

wants the American President to say, be becomes more moder-ate: "I would like Carter to say he is with the Palestinians and supports their building an inde-pendent state on a part of

His views on Mr Jumblatt are fairly predictable. He describes the murdered Lebanese leftist leader as a democrat and denies that he was aloof and a feudal politician as critics have sug-guested. "He was a man of his people and I don't believe he

was aristocratic. he says.

If Mr Abu Daoud was not a
member of the Palestine
National Council, the Egyptians, whose condemnation of terror ism has become steadily louder over the past three years, would olmost certainly have refused tim entry. As it is, he has come to Egypt for only a brief visit from Beirut, knowing that there are those who blame him for what happened at Munich. Everywhere he goes, next to him in the council chamber or

beside him as he stands next to the ornamental brass fountains outside, is a thick-set, well built bodyguard who does not smile at journalists as fre-quently as Mr Abu Daoud.

Doubts are cast on Arafat pledge artifude towards the United

Cairo, March 18 Palestician officials did their

best this afternoon to cast doubt on the importance of Mr Yassic Arafar's declaration that he trusted President Carter and would try to help him achieve a durable peace in the Middle East.

The leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization was reported to have made his unprecedented remarks at last night's meeting of the Palestine National Council in Cairo.

At the time, his comments were taken to be a formal reply to Mr Carter's speech in the United States two days ago in which the President talked for the first time of a "home-land" for Palestinians. But today it emerged that Mr. Arafat had made his comments in a television interview and that most of the council delegates were unaware of any new

The fact that Mr Arafat was speaking outside of the council chamber, however, in no way diminishes the importance of the new warmth he is showing towards the United States. The towards the United States. The statement that he would do his best to help Mr Carter "achieve a just and dorable peace" is likely to hearten American diplomats here who at one stage last week were predicting that the Palestinians would emerse from their

dent's statements on the Middle East were "full of con-tradictions". It was, in fact, Mr Carter's glowing words

would emerge from their council session a good deal less moderate than the Arab states—and the United States had once expected. . . The Egyptian press has also carried some cautious praise of Mr Carter's speech, although the semi-official Cairo daily Al Ahram, said that the Presi-

which upset the Egyptian press—his reference to a Polestinian "homeland" naturally went down well with Al Ahram. This, the paper said, was "a positive step in United States policy"

States policy".

Palestinian Council delegates spent today drawing up a draft programme of future policy. They are expected to endorse a communiqué not unlike the 10-point programme approved at the last council meeting in 1974, declining to give up the demand for the destruction of Israel.
This however, may be stated

in more muted terms than in the past and the delegates will almost certainly decide to delete the slighting references to King Hussin of Jordan, who was called a traitor at the last council session, and who is expected to hold formal talks with the Palestinians in the

Israelis who met PLO will contest election

From Moshe Brilliant Tel Aviv, March 18 Left-wing Israelis who have

They reckon that by puoling their strength this time they will emerge stronger but they have no prospect of becoming an important factor in the next Parliament.

Meanwhile, Professor Yigal Yadin's Democratic Movement for Change, which is expected to be indispensable to any party forming the next coalition government, today published list of candidates, chosen by secret ballot of the entire membership.

It was the first time any party had held such primaries. Profes-sor Yadin said today that the experiment had worked and his movement would insist on election reforms as a condition for joining any coalition.

There were few surprises in the movement's elections, with key personalities in the move-ment emerging in the top places. They were Professor Yadin, an archaeologist and for-mer chief of staff; Dr Amnon Rubinstein, a noted columnist and dean of the law faculty of Tel Aviv University; General Meir Amit, former head of the security services and director of Histadrut Industries; Mr Shmuel Tamir, long an outstanding parliamentarian in the Likud Party; and General Meir Zorea, who headed the state

Leading article, page 15 land authority.

10 per cent short of their estab-lishment and private security firms employed well over double the number of people employed in the

station off the start (so the toss may be extremely important) and promises tricky conditions from Hammersmith Bridge onwards. Cambridge today may well wish for a touch of a north-west "sinker" to produce dicey Tideway conditions in an attempt to level the odds, even though Oxford have an advantage in horsepower to fight through the wind and waves. But an early lead in the race by Oxford will be more than a test of character for Cambridge.

Initiating a debate on the state of the prisons, Mr Patrick Mayhew been holding secret meetings in Paris with representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization formed a block here this morning to contest the parliaments of being able to do that at the moment. The only way under this Government that people could look after their property was by employing private firms.

Air Erynmor John, Minister of State, Home Office (Pontypridd, Lab)—The numbers couployed in the police force rose by 2,000 net

morning to contest the parliamentary election on May 17.

In contrast to the Israeli establishment, which refuses to countenance another Arab state between Israel and Jordan, the left-wingers envisage a Palestinian state living at peace with Israel and have discussed it with Palestinian guerrillas.

Their main candidates stood in the 1973 elections in four different lists. Mr Aryeh Ehav was elected on the Labour Party ticket but later defected. Mr Meir Pavil was returned as the Moked-Maki representative while Mr Uri Avneri of Haolam Hazeh and Mr Saadia Marciano of the Black Panthers falled to gain election.

They reckor that by puoling throughout local prisons were re-

the prison service in the containment of this hard core of prisoners if the present policy of dispersal throughout local prisons were reversed and if three or four prisons were developed, each comprising units of a basic kind to contain the ruthless element. The morale of the prison service generally was damerously low.

The worst of the overcrowding was to be found in the remand prisons. Brixton was an example with 65 per cent overcrowding overcrowding of convicted prisoners, but in 1975 about 9 per cent of the average daily population in the prisons were untried prisoners on remand.

In the face of these conditions and despite rising crime the Goverment had cut back the prison building programme, deferring indefinitely three major schemes and two others which would have provided 1,700 new places in the years following 1979-80.

There must be a review of sentencing, it was generally agreed that the first custodial sentence had its remedial effect not in its length but in the experience itself of heira sent morison.

There should be provision for sentences so that part could be

remorse, but there were others who, were they to be housed in less overcrowded premises, would have a much better chance of returning to society with a real possibility of not offending again. It was these conditions which affected the morale of the prison service. Officers saw nothing in the future but a continuation of the present process. There was a desperate need for new initiatives in forms of punishment and the conditions in which semences were Mr . Edward Lyons (Bradford.,

West, Lab) said that he was dis-turbed to discover that the Home

Boat Race crews

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*A. J. Wiggins (Wall-inglose Schools and

Oxford

Oxford (top) a star-studded cast powered by a superstar; and Cambridge, whose coxswai

could take Oxford on a conducted tour of Tideway.

vide the power base but in analysis they cannot be compared. Cambridge's tactics will be determined by conditions. But clearly their am will be to produce a "blitckrieg" start and go hell-for-leather for an early lead; if they can achieve that, their secret weapon may lie in their coxswain, Manser, who given such an opportunity can be relied upon to give Oxford a conducted tour of the Tideway. But the bixtle to the Mile Post prumises to be particularly victous. The forecast hiots at a south-westerly wind which could favour the Surrey station off the start (so the toss may be extremely important) and promises tricky conditions from Hammersmikh Bridge onwards. Cambridge today may well wish

total sentence was of two years or more.
Yet there were deputy circuit

the pointe force rose by 2,000 bet last year and most went to the inner cities. He should level his bile with a little fact.

Mr Le Marchant—The establishment for the police is 116,000 and the latest figure we have is 100,000. We are 16,000 short. that a prisoner was not eligible for purole and had to serve 14 months with remission. Abother prisoner might be given two years and he might he released, on parole, after 12 months. Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk (Orm-Lirk, Lab) said overcrowding and its consequences upon both prison officers and prisoners was the most important problem they faced.

Because of the overcrowded conditions there would be far more resentment, far more bitter-They needed to look at the means of reducing the prison population. They needed to look

There was at present widespread and deep-seated unease in the prison service and this was felt by the public at large. It was an uneasiness not experienced since the mid-1960s.

Mr Brymmor John, Minister of State, Home Office (Pontypridd, Lub) said all MPs were united in that although criticism had been

eliminated the supposed 40lb or more difference in weight between their original boat which could have been worth over a length to Oxford over the Boat Race course even before Cambridge embarked for the race. It will be interesting to compare the performances of these new racing shells if the crews are level and the Tideway cuts up rough.

crews are level and the Indeway cuts up rough.
History, too, will record that the 123rd Boat. Race is the first one ever to be sponsored with generous financial support coming from Ladbroke's on an "on-going basis" which places the Boat Race

on a more secure footing. Out of the 122 races so far Cambridge have won 68, Oxford 53 with one dead bear recorded.

Cambridge

hury and s. rine's: 'J. P. Monser (West-iningion and Sidney Susset. Average weight: 13st 3/sit

placed upon them.
One of the presents deterrents to crime was the probability of detection. That was not only a

question of the means available to the police but of their own strength.

No European country had felt

No European country had felt able to do without a form of imprisonment in the last resort for fine default. The Home Office would continue to look at it and see whether it altracted imprisonment at the right time and whether persistence must be more proved than it was at present before the sentence was carried out.

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sentence was carried out.

It was no part of any civilized peaal policy to pur the mentally ill in prison establishments and certainly no part of a civilized policy to make prisons the receptacles for people whom no other agency in society would accept. There would be places in mental hospitals, not available now, which would combine security with medical treatment rather than prison incurceration.

incurceration.

The current level of prison over-

Cambridge cannot follow that.

Their line-up is modest in comparison but given the chance they have a savage bite. The Cambridge crew, "the young iloos", includes two Blues in their president, Searle, and coxswain "Big Jo" Manser, who knows the Tideway like the back of his hand. Cambridge are also stroked by a freshman Clegg and their stern four includes another in junior international Ross, from Chester.

The stern four of both crews pro-PARLIAMENT, March 18, 1977

Cambridge.

Ratio of prisoners to officers is expected to fall by the end of the decade

The only way under this

ness, and greater potential for the riots and disturbances.

t lighter sentences.
The courts had a major re-

sponsibility to lessen sentences and examine what was the appropriate length of sentence.

appropriate length of sentence.

No one wanted to let out the
so-called hardened prisoner. The
meed to protect the public from
dangerous and violent individuals
was accepted. But they needed
a far more positive definition of
those who had to be incarcerated
or detained in the community intorest.

It was wrong in general that so

It was wrong in general that so, many people were imprisoned who we're clearly socially inadequate. Prisons had become the social digithing of society. It was too easy and converient for the bireancracy and the public to dispose of people to institutions and forget about them.

It was punishment enough to deprive people of their liberty. It was not necessary to strip them

of all dignity and self-respect, as tended to happen in the present prison system. A royal commission was needed to review the

Mr Stephen Ross (Isle of Wight,

length but in the experience itself of being sent to prison.

At the moment a sentence was all or nothing. It was either gerved or suspended in whole.

L) said there were a few victors and violent men who had no hesiration in killing or maining at the slightest provocation and without served and part suspended. Credit should be given by auto-Credit should be given by automatic remission to those who pleaded guilty. Many obviously guilty people were pleading not guilty and wasting public money and time in the hope they were dealing with a muddled jury.

Under such a system of remission the innocent would continue to plead not guilty and the guilty would tend to admit their offences more often.

Mr Andrew Bennett (Stockport, North, Lab) soid it had to be got across to the public that deterrent prison sentences did not work. Most criminals did not expect to be caught and in any event they were of the type who lived in the here and now, and because of their social experience had long since given up any dreams for the future.

Mr Senecer Le Marchant (High

were of the type who lived in the Office plans to cope with overtheir social experience had long since given up any dreams for the future.

Mr Spencer Le Marchant (High Peak. C) said more money must be spent on the prison service. They were bushed when it was not the police were still more than the discover that the Home Office plans to cope with overcowding did not involve by the cond of this decade the closing of many old prisons. Most prisons were more than 100 years old. They were built when it was not the idea to rehabilitate prisoners, where people should spend their

time as uncomfortably as possible held that this high duty was until they were released.

What had to be decided was why people were put in prison. Was it a deterrent, for retribution or to rehabilitate? There was enormous

con usion.

Parole could not be granted until a prisoner had served a minimum of 12 months and unless his

judges who were in effect barris-ters pulled out of their chambers in serve as judges, passing son-tences of 21 months which meant

parole, after 12 months.

Mr Michael Alison, for the Opposition (Barkston Ash, C), said the injuries to two prison officers in the Hughes case highlighted the risks run by prison officers generally in their difficult job on healf of the public. They were consistently exposed to the danger of injury even more so than the police who in the most part dealt with normal and law abiding citizens.

There was at present widespread

the mid-1960s.

It was surely no accident that two of the worst riots in Britain's prison history should have occurred in prisons—Hull and Parkhurst—where category A prisoners had been included in dispersal prisons.

Since publication of the Mount-batten report the Prison Officers' Association had consistently urged that dispersal should be stopped and concentration should be adopted.

Mr Bryamor John, Minister of

made of the prison service for its material inadequacies there had been no criticism of the prison

officers.

A high duty was placed upon-prison officers. It was a mark of the value given to their work and, the regard in which they were

The current level of prison overcrowding might be reduced by a
third by 1980 or 1981. The ratio
of prisoners to staff would improve towards the end of the
decade in relation to the shuation
at the start of the decade.

In education and physical education provision had been made
to give prisoners a constructive
outlet for their energies. Industrial work activity in penal
escullishments employed about
16,000 prisoners. The aim was to
proxide, suitable and wellorganized work of increasingly
good quality. There had been a
good relationship with the CBI
and TUC.

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short-term prisoners, for whom

There were people, particularly short-term prisoners, for whom the training necessary for involvement in the comparatively more complex industrial activity now heing provided would be unreal. Rather more rudimentary sectors of work had to be provided for them. Tedious and repetitious work was disappearing, but there would always be the problem of short-term prisoners and those who were incapable of a high degree were incapable of a high degree of sophistication in the work they undertook.

The debate concluded. · House adjourned, 4.30 pm.

Wednesday debate on no confidence motion

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Leader Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition (Barnet, Finchley, C) on a point of order said that as a result of the events of last night she had invited the Prime Minister to follow the precedent set by his predecessor and face the House with a motion of confidence put down in his own name. He had declined to do so or to come to the House this morning (Opposition crites of "Shame"). She had therefore handed in a motion that the House had no confidence in the Government. confidence in the Government. (Opposition cheers.) She under-stood that the Prime Minister would give facilities for it to be taken early next week. It would be for the convenience of the liouse to know when it would

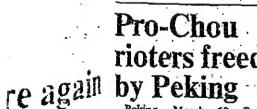
Mr Michael Poof, Lord President of the Council (Ebbw Valc, Labt, said that after receiving Mrs. Thatcher's representations last night the Prime Minister indicated that he thought the proper course was that, if she so wished and it was her choice, the should not down a motion. she should put down a motion of no confidence and the she should put down a motion of no confidence and the Government would provide the facilides according to the normal methods. That was what they proposed. They suggested that the debate should take place next Wednesday.

Ke proposed to make a statement on Monday about the re-arrangement of the rest of next week's business. The business already arranged for Monday

ness already arranged for Monday would be as he had announced yesterday.

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arrested as counter-revolu-tionaries" in the rioting in the Square of Heavenly Peace in Peking on April 5 last year have been freed, according to posters that have appeared in the city over the past few days. The posters, seen round Peita liniversity and Tsinghua Technical University as well as in factories, stated: "Warmly wel-

rrested in the Square of Heavenly Peace." No official figure has ever been given, but semi-officiai sources estimate the number of arrested demonstrators at be-

come the return of the people

tween 300 and 600, The April clashes erupted between soldiers, police and militiamen on one side and a few thousand demonstrators protesting against the abrupt halting of a week's homage to Chou En-lai, the late Prime Minister, on the occasion of the traditional festival of the dead. The same evening, after Mr. Wu Teb-who, the Peking mayor, had condemned the "bad counter-revolutionary elements", tens of thousands

Mr Teng Hsiao ping, who was then Deputy Prime Minister, was held responsible for the inidents and was stripped of all his posts two days later. He is now about to be rehabilitated.

of miliciamen occupied the

Other posters appeared re-cently at Peita University comnlaining of a lack of enthusiasm for the criticism campaign against the radical "gang of four * - Agence France Presse.

President pleases two very rioters freed different audiences

From Patrick Brogan Washington, March 18

Timothy Spearman hear their 10-month sentence pronounced.

President Carter returned here in the early hours of this morning after his first considerable foray up country since his election, to find that most people count it a success. The United Nations applauded him when he announced the end of American imports of Rhodesian chrome (he signed the ban into law today) and more help for the Third World.

Five Britons jailed in Athens on espionage charges: Christopher Taylor (left), Kieron Pilbeam, Christopher Knott, Roy Sturges and

> The people of Clinton, Massachusetts, who staged a special Town Meeting for his benefit, were delighted at his visit and now will be writing at his sug-gestion to offer him their advice on any matter under the sun.
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> "Just pur Clinton at the top
> with a big circle around it, and I'll have my staff bring it straight in to me", he told them. There are about 14,000 residents of Clinton and Mr. Carter will have to spend a lor

of time with his mail. The exceptional incident was his trip to West Virginia. He held a "round table" in the state capital, Charleston, to discuss energy with local experts

An organization to conserve

the unique animal and plant

life of the Aldabra atoll in the

and his own officials. The meeting has been given very little publicity, coming as it did

the news coverage. Meanwhile, various historical

of American policy.

Officials say that there has been no change and that the word was chosen with care. Mr Carter did not mention where or what this homeland would nor did he say that the Americans view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a pational home for the Pales-

between much more "news-worthy" events in Clinton and New York, and even the most sceptical reporters admit grudgingly the possibility that Mr Carter really did want to meet the locals, and cared nothing for

footnotes to the trip are being discussed in the newspapers. Mr Carter said in Clinton that in any Middle East settlement there would have to be a "homeland" for the Pale-tinians and much ink has been spilt by those seeking to discover whether the choice of word significs any subtle change

tinian people.

Conserving wildlife on the Aldabra atoll of some birds and giant tor- ternational conservation and scientific institutions are expec-Over the past 10 years sciented to supervise. tific exploration has been done Indian Ocean was agreed in at a cost of about £1m under principle at a meeting at the a programme sponsored through Royal Society in London yes the Royal Society. When the at a cost of about £1m under republic, the atoll contains rare expires in 1980, a new consortium comprising the Seychelles the only remaining populations to republic the society of the society species of wildlife, including the only remaining populations of the society services of the society servi

Representatives from the World Wildlife Fund, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, the Smithsonian Institution and the Royal Society, who attended vesterday's meeting, will be invit-

ing other groups to collaborate.

Wales would settle for a single-point win at Murrayfield

Rugby Correspondent

Wales cannot finish their international season as undisputed champions for a third successive year, and their prospects of even a half-share in the tide now seem distinctly slender. But they do not lack motivation at Murrayfield this afternoon (3.0) where their scarlet legions will be urging them on rowards another triple crown. If they achieve that distinction again, it will be for a record, fourteenth time (one more than England). And they will become the first of the home countries to win it twice running since Ireland did so, in the days of Jackie Kyle, in 1948 and 1949.

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so, in the days of Jackie kyle, in 1948 and 1949.

The Welsh invasion of Edinburgh has tended to be a wary one since their traumatic experience in 1951 when the triple crown again seemed within the favourites' grasp, and Scotland, for whom Peter Kininnomit dropped a remarkable goal, humbled them by 19—0. Wales have not won at Murrayfield since the memorable contest of 1971, when a famous conversion by John Taylor took them home (to another triple crown) by the easily remembered scoreline of 19—18. In the intervening years, only france have succeeded, in the championship, on Scottish soil.

received in training on Thursday.

It is quize like old times in the Scottish front row where Ian McLauchian, recalled at the age of 35, props down with his illustrious partner, Sandy Carmichael. But, to the general surprise, Gordon Brown, now free of his long suspension, has not been restored at lock. Wales, one suspects, are far happier to take on their opponents with McHarg at lock and Donald MacDonald at No 8.

No 8.

Carmichael and Edwards are playing for their respective countries for the forty-minth time, and Edwards thus breaks Bill McBride's record of 43 successive appearances (McBride finished with 63 Irish caps). The suntanned Edwards has just returned from participation in the World superstars championship for television in Atlanta, where he was impressed to see Joe Hines, the former Olympic sprint champion, running 100 metres, in plimsoles, in 9.9sec. However, I would back Edwards to be the quicker and more dangerous of the two around a five-yard scrummage.

Scotland have switched McGeechan to stand-off half again, which could mean, if they are so minded, a more creative approach behind the scrummage. Morgan, at scrum-half, Renwick in the centre, and the brawny Gammell, on the right wing, are three of those who will be hoping for chances to catch the eye of Lions selectors before the toning michael and Edwards are

succeeded, in the champiouship, on Scottish soil.

John Dawes has said that his side will settle for victory by a side will set help supported as the comfort, and more particularly so if their forwards should play as well as they did against large as well as they did against large in the graphing if they do not provide a solid scrummage platform for Gareth Edwards to exploit, and establish a yet more telling advantage in the mauls. In that event, the outstanding Welsh back division should not go short of good pressession and, with Bennett and ferald Davies in their present form, the sparks might fig in decent conditions. Davies, by the way, is none the wore for a knock three of those who will be boping for chances to catch the eye of Lions selectors before the touring team is chosen on Tuesday. Biggar, on a Scottish flank, and four Welshmen, Wheel, Cobner, Clive Williams and Burcher also look to have something to play for in this respect. for in this respect.

Two years ago a world record rugby crowd of 104,000 paid to watch this game, but many of them were unable to see it. Although the capacity of Murray-field is some 80,000, on this occasion the worder of spectrosy has sion the number of spectators has been set at 70,000. That will spell frustration for all those believing





Carmichael (left) and Edwards: playing for 49th time

Today's teams for Murrayfield

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Scotland			Wale
A. R. Irvine	15	Full back	J. P. R. Willia
(Heriol's FP) W. B. B. Gamell	14	Right wing	T. G. R. Davie
(Edinburgh Wanders) J. M. Renwick	13	Right centre	S. Fenwick
(Hawlek)	12	Left centre	D. Burcher
Hawick 1	11	Left wing	J. J. Williams
(West of Scotland)	10	Stand-off	*P. Bennett
Headingley;	9	Scrum half	G. O. Edward
(Stewart's Meiville F. L. McLauchlan		Prop	(Cardiff) C. Williams
(Jordanhill)	2	Hooker	(Ancravon) R. Windsor
O. F. Madsen	3		(Pontypool)
A. B. Carmichael (West of Scotland)	_	Prop	G. Price
L A. Barues	4	Lock	A. Martin (Abers (va);
(Lundon Scottish)	5	Lock	G. Wheel
M. A. Biggar	6	Flanker	T. Cobner (Pontypent)
D. S. M. MacDonald	8	No S	D. Quinnell
(London Scottisk) W. S. Watson (Beroughauir).	7	Flanker	C. Burgess
Captain	Mate	ree: G. Domerca (Fr	*Captain
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Unpredictable Irish challenge French vigour

Anythine other than a massive rictory by France over Ireland Dublin today would be an thoroughly the rugby season's evidence is sifted, there is little that can be unearthed to suggest that France will fall to obtain their fourth successive win in the international championship. This magnificent French team have remained unchanged throughout the campeign, and victory will bring their country the grand slam for only the second time.

That Irish knack for unpredictability has made Lansdowne Road the stage over the years for more than its share of upsets late in the championship season. France, the championship season. France, too, in recent years, have a poor record there. They last won in Dublin 10 years ago and in five visits since, including one non-championship game, have lost four times and drawn once. Yet these factors must rank as straw clutched and the dismits between ing since the disparity between today's teams in overall playing strength has seldom been more

Ireland, seldom showing con-structive ideas in attack, and technical shortcomings elsewhere, have lost all three of their international lost all three or their international games this winter, and face their first whitewash since 1960. Ireland, in fact, have won only one match out of 10 over two seasons during an unhappy period when the selectors, juggling unrewardingly with limited resources, have awarded 22 new cnps.

23 new caps. Receptly injuries have also played a disruptive part in their plans. The five further changes made for today's match, compared with the team beaten by Scotland four weeks ago, followed a selec-

anxiety close to desperation.

Meanwhile, the resemment felt on this side of the English Channel about some aspects of France's aggressive play should not restrict appreciation for the considerable virtues in their team. Having seen two of France's matches this reason already to me it has been season already, to me it has been the power and strength of the front row, coupled with the speed and versatility of their loose forwards which has been the most significant aspect of their dominating pack.

The more frequently discussed work of Bastiat in the line-outs should not of course be underestimated but Horton for England, frequently, and McHarg (Scotland) occasionally, thwarted the French giant more often than was widely

giant more often than was widely spotted.

With Fouroux, the schemer, and Romeu's shrewd kicking, the main influences in midfield, France, for all their successes, have still not managed, perhaps, to marry their possession with their traditional handling wizardry. Aguirre's incursions into the line have continued to bring the most telling thrusts from the line have con-tinued to bring the most telling thrusts from the back divisions. A personal conviction remains that one day everything in all de-partments will finally click into place for France and that some unfortunate country will be beaten by 60 points plus.

by 60 points plus.

It may not be this afternoon, even though I believe France will-win comfortably: warnings against overconfidence have been a feature of the French preparations and the fear of transgressing the narrow border between permitted vigour and brutality will also be present.

present.
Until Cholley's three disgraceful and separate punching incidents against Scotland, I felt the

fors' meeting which itself lasted five hours, another indication of anxiety close to desperation.

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the teenagers Mckibben and Bowen, and Ensor, at full back, wins his eighteenth cap at full back in place of Wilson.

In the pack, Duggan, who carries the responsibilities in the lineout and loose, Keane, in the second row, and Orr at loose-head prop, will all be contesting places in the British Lions' party being chosen early next week, probably the only Irish candidates, other than Gibson, being considered. Hagin's return for Murtigh at lock, and Steele's nomination to take the injured Deering's visce take the injuried Degring's viace at flank forward, have been taken as epitomising the problems and dearth of choice the Irish selectors have.

France

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P. C. Whelan	2	Hooker
E. Byrue	3	Prop
M. I. Keane	4	Lock
R. F. Hakin	5	Lock
H. Steele	6	Flanker
W. P. Duggan	· S	No S
F. Slattery	7	Flanker
(Riachmek)		

FRANCE: P. Saboureau; J. Mova, J. Guiri Jes, J.-V. Bouryel, B. Curi; J. Calte, G. Allard, H. Danlol, H. Bonnet, M. Cassin, J.-J. Cologal, J.-P. Saurel, M. Caravaca.—Reuter.

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Hearts v Aberdeen
Motherwell v Kilmarnock
Rangers v Celtic (1.0)

Scottish first division

Arbroath v Dundee

Dumbarton v Afrdrie
Falkirk v Morton
Queen of S v Clydebank
Raith v Montrose
St Johnstone v E Fife
St Mirren v Hamilton

Scottish second division

Albion R v Meadowbank
Alica v Forfar
Berwick v Stiriling A
Clyde v Donfermline
Cowdenbeath v Queen's Park
E Stirling v Brechin
Stenhousemair v Stramaer

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Football

Liverpool's path smoothed by draw

By Norman Fox

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Liverpool's prospects of reaching the European Cup final in Rome on May 25 were helped by yesterday's semi-final round draw which paired them with the least formidable of the three possible opponents, Zurich. As in the quarter-final round, in which they beat last season's losing finalists, St Etienne, they have again had their path smoothed by having to play the second leg at Antield where they are so powerful.

Under the strain of three competitions, Liverpool must be pleased to have avoided Dinamo Kiev and Bornssia Mönchen Gladbach. Zurich have never won a European trophy and were not expected to progress through they took a 2-1 lead against Dynamo Dresden in the first leg, they were not favoured to hold their advantage in East Germany.

However, they lost by only 3-2 and their away goals ensured a place among the last four. Earlier, they had beaten a Finnish team. Palioseura, in the second round and Rangers in the first. Swiss league football is a curious mixture of an amateur approach to professionalism. Leading players

league football is a curious mixture of an amareur approach to
professionalism. Leading players
have other jobs and train in the
evenings.

But their system has produced
several efficient teams and Zurich,
second in the Swiss league, are
undoubtedly more than ambitious
outsiders. Their president Edy
Naegeli, said after yesterday's
draw in Zurich: "We would have
ureferred any other opponent but maw in Zurich: "We would have preferred any other opponent but I think we have a chance against Liverpool. We will have to put up a real battle and that's precisely what we will do from the first minute of the first game in Zurich."

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Bob Paisley, the Liverpool manager, said: "The Swiss must be a good side, but of the three other teams left in the competition they were the ones we had hoped to meet. I saw them play against Rangers in the first round this season. They scored quickly, as we did on Wednesday, and then held out against a lot of pressure for a 1—1 draw. I was impressed with them. They are a well-organized side, possibly the best to come out of Switzerland in our time."

The Zurich club expect a full house of 30,000 for the first leg on April 6 and it is possible that the game could be moved to the St Jakob Stadium in Basie where the capacity is 53,000. The second leg on April 20 will have an audience of over 55,000, thus ensuring another lucrative occasion for Liverpool.

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Dinamo Kiev and Bornssia Mönchen Gladbach were probably relieved not to have been drawn with Liverpool but against each other. Bornssia's captain, Vogts, said: "Our chances against Dinamo are 50-50. Liverpool would probably have been harder. Now we are hoping to meet them in the final."

European Cup Dioamo Kiev v Borussia Mönchen Gladbach. Zurich v Liverpool

Cup Winners' Cup Atlético Madrid v Hamburg. Napoli v Anderlecht.

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Andrew Barden kept England in contention for the silver medal in burden this week.

Hilton was brought back in against Canada because it was thought his technique might count well against a team using oriental styles, but he failed. England's women also won their last two matches. Hongkong should also win the gold medal and leave England with the sliver. Melody Ludi and Karen Witt best Canada 3—2 and India 3—0.

MEN: England best Canada 5—3. Sociand best Trinidad, 5—0; England best Australes. 5—1; Nz best sociand. 5—1; Wales best Trinidad, 5—0; Singapore best Guerney, 5—1; Hongkong best Canada, 5—0; Singapore Scotland, 5—0; England best Freland, 5—1; Trinidad best Wales, 5—0; Singapore best Guerney, 5—1; Hongkong best Jindia, 5—1; Singapore best Guerney, 5—1; Hongkong best Jindia, 5—1; Trinidad best Guerney, 5—0. tengenton for the saver mean in the men's team event in the Commonwealth table tennis championships in Guernsey yesterday. Barden, aged 18 and ranked No 7, has won 12 of 13 matches. His only lapse came against Hongkong, who are now set to take the title.

Aston Villa in trouble even before they step out at Old Trafford

Football Correspondent

Involvement in midweek matches may have cost Liverpool and Aston Villa their future in the FA Cup. Liverpool, having successfully despatched St Etienne from the European Cup on Wednesday, may be without three of their team—Toshack, Keegan and Callaghan—for today's sixth round tie with Middlesbrough at Anfield.

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Aston Villa, after drawing with Everton in a brighter replay of last Sainrday's grey League Cupfinal, may have to face Manchester United at Old Trafford without three internationals. Villa have virtually ruled out Nicholl, Gray and Cropley, and the manager, Ron Sannders, said yesterday: "We have seven players under treatment and I expect two, maybe three, to be missing."

He said that the pressure of fixtures was "ludicrous" and his team would probably include two 18-year-olds, Cowans and Young, and Graydon, who has not played for four months because of an injury. Manchester United have bad a much more relaxing week at Blackpool and can again announce an unchanged side. Their chances of returning to Wembley to atone for last season's drab performance against Southampton seem all the better for Villa's problems.

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Liverpool that their most vulnerable time is immediately after
a difficult European match.
Although their magmilicent pride
would not allow it, the accept-

ance of defeat in today's tie against Middlesbrough may ease their way towards retaining the championship and winning the European Cop. I doubt if any such thought will occur to them this afternoon.

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It is a match that they consider of almost equal importance to the coming European tussles with Zurich. Middlesbrough's record at Anfield offers them hope. Two seasons ago they won a League game there. They drew in October and their 2—0 win on March 6 of last year was Liverpool's last home defeat. Middlesbrough have also sent their players to the bracing seafront at Blackpool where two of their defenders, Maddren and Boam, have been trying to overcome bronchial troubles.

Liverpool's defeat of St Etienne proved that they had lost none of their power on home ground and Middlesbrough's manager, Jack Charlton, accepted that yesterday when he said: "You need a special attitude when you go to Anfield, but it is the players and not the manager who must find that artitude. You can tell them it's possible to win, but they have got to believe it. We have a good record at Anfield. That

of the possible to win, but they have got to believe it. We have a good record at Anfield. That should help."
Everton may decide to drop their expensive signing from Anderlecht, McKenzie, for their tie with Derby County. He was unimpressive in the two League Cup matches with Aston Villa and may be replaced by Pearson, who

may be replaced by Pearson, who played well as a substitute in Wednesday's replay. Pejic and Rioch, who were ineligible for those games, are both in today's

injuries.

Dobson, injured at Wembley last Saturday, is in doubt but Derby, desperately needing some encouragement in a bleak season, have George and Hales fit again Daly, recently signed from Manichester United, is cup-tied and will probably be replaced by Newton.

The only remaining second division team, Wolverhamptor Wanderers, are not anxious about their meeting with Leeds United who have never enjoyed playing at Molineax. Sammy Chung Wolves' manager, said: "Cut success for us will be a bonna Our real target is promotion. Frequencies for the surface of harnessing that ability."

Leeds will need to keep alenged in the goalscoring flair of Sunderland and Richards. They have Charke back in the attack but Currie will probably need a pain killing injection because of a damaged hamsstring. While Liverpool are engaged in the Cup their fading nearest rivals, Ipswich Town, could conceding another of their matches in hand by losing to the reviving Sunderland at Roker Park.

At least three of their regular first team players will be missing. Beattle and Mills, who were At least three of their regular first team players will be missing. Beattle and Mills, who were unable to appear in the midweek defeat by West Bromwich Albion, are unavailable and Wark has an ankle injury. Whymark, who has recovered from a back injury, may play in the defence and both senior goalkeepers, Cooper and Sivell, will need fitness tests.

Men united in their belief in utopia

By Geoffrey Green

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To lunch with Tommy Docherty, now in his fifth season as manager of Manchester United, in the new executive suite at Old Trafford was to get the full treatment, Waiters hovered attentively; ice clinked in glasses and there might have been a lark in the sky with the bees happy just being all on a summer's day.

But it was not summer. Instead, it was a grey afternoon of March

But it was not summer. Instead, it was a grey afternoon of March winds and April showers. As we looked through plate glass windows from our table high at the top of one of the main stands the mighty ground stood empty and expectant like an operating theatre awaiting the coming operation. Only the wind rattled the heardings but in a few hours time the place would be filled with a roaring SS,000 all-ticket crowd as the warm juice of emotion pours over it for the sixth round FA Cup the against famous Aston Villa.

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Here are two distinguished clubs with a fanatical following and a rich history. Since the warthey have had two dramatic Cup matches—the third round the of 1948 when United won 6—4 in the driving rain of Villa Park before going on to lift the trophy itself; and the final of 1957 when the "Busby Babes" of Manchester, already league champions by eight points at Easter, had so it seemed, only to kick off against Villa at Wembley to become the first club in the twentieth century to achieve the double. But the fares decided otherwise. The dream was shattered and the Cup went to the Midlands.

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final if would crown a week which has seen them clear a bank overdraft of £600,000 inside five years, a figure incurred by the frantic spending first of Frank O'Farrell and then Mr Dotherty as they tried to turn back the tide of impending relegation to the second division. In addition there was the costly building of the executive suite two seasons ago together with an outlay of ago together with an outlay of £100,000 for new floodlights and fearing round the terraces.

The revival has been a small economic miracle. It has been made possible by the club's extraordinary support. Already this season the average gate for league manches alone has risen to over 54,000 and today for the fourth time in succession the "House Full" signs will be up. "House Full" signs will be up.
"Win lose or draw we try to
entertain", says Mr Docherty,
"That's why people come to see
us. It's a matter of self satisfaction, pride of club and comradeship. We're a family. I don't
know how it started but all the
players now shake hands with one
auother before taking the field.
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The secret really is Mr Docherty's insistence on a 4-2-4 pattern of play, with Coppell and Hill—"both only 21 with a lot to learn yet"—as attacking wingers. This has always been his philosophy. "I've been at more clubs than Jack Nicklaus has in his bag", he jokes. "At Chelsea I had Murray and Blunstone on the flanks: at Aston Villa it was Chico Hamilton and Rudge; when I took over the Sociand team I chose Lorimer and Eddie Gray for the touchlines, and when Gray was injured I brought in Willie Morgan.

"To infiltrate modern defences you must get to the dead-ball line to create havor. Already Hill and Coppell between them have got 20 goals from the flanks. Pearson 16 in the middle and little Macari 11 from midfield. Our real weakness, however, is a failure to finish lethally. We don't kill off opponents the way we should. The boys know it, but it doesn't worry them."

Docherty these days is not one to spy on opponents. "We try m impose our ows pattern on a game. As for Villa, we respect them fully, But we don't need to do much homework on them. We have already played them twice, losing 3—2 at Villa Park and winning here at home 2—0. We know their various ploys at dead-ball situations and are alert to the danger of Andy Gray, who is a fine young player, brave to a degree. But Brian Greenhoff and Buchan will challenge not only him but Little and Dechan all along the line. Buchan for one is an Aberdoman

Buchan for one is an Aberdoman who doesn't give much away." Docherty has matured. He is no longer tensed and abrasive. A quip is seldom far from his lips. "It's Utopia here at Old Trafford. It's as close to heaven as you'll get in this game of football. Who would want to be a parish priest after being a cardinal in this cathedral? And should the gares ever fall, I'll merely put bigger hinges on them."

If there is one stain on the club it is its guilt-edged reputation of hooligadism by a fringe minority. "We've done what we can to disown them. At least they inspired us to become the cleanest side in the land. Whatever else happens the one prize we shall win is the Fair Play League ".

Table tennis

Hongkong set to win both Commonwealth titles

Rackets

in both

semi-finals

Champions felled

By Our Rackets Correspondent

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The two champions fell in the
semi-final round of the British
Open rackets championship, sponsored by Champagne Louis Roederer, at Queen's Club yosterday.
William Surtees from Chicago, the
world champion, drooped badly
against John Prenn, but the
holder, Howard Angus, died hard,
very hard indeed, against William
Boone. The two winners play the
final round tomorrow morning.
They met in the 1976 Amateur
championships final, Boone
winning.

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Boone beat Angus by 9—13, 15—11, 15—12, 15—9, 9—15, 15—10 after nearly two hours of full-blooded play. It may not have been great rackers but some of Boone's forehand kills were pure coup de thédure and some recoveries by Angus were breathtaking. It was immensely exciting. Towards the end Boone, a heavy man ("you solid lump" Angus once smilingly called him after being lowled over and winded) was floundering from sheer weariness but had the grit not to capitulate.

Twice it looked as if Boone

Twice at looked as if Boone might be thwarted. At 9—7 in the fifth game when leading by three games to one. Buone, fiving tight at the time, smashed bis racket (he was mistiming shots close to the walls) and lost concentration. At match point in the sixth game he did it again and actually hit the ball with a broken shart without it reaching the front wall. By then he was too near to ricker.

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It was Barden's punch and precision which enabled England to beat Australia 5—3—a better score than had been achieved by England's more highly rauked players in the past. He won all three rubbers. In the afternoon, England beat Canada 5—2, with Barden excelling again.

If it was another comforting day for Barden, it was the reverse

day for Barden, it was the reverse for John Hilton, a player search-log desperately for past form. Hilton admits that the pressure of being called into the world cham-pionship team after Denis Neale

Golf is beautiful where the golden plover play

By John Woodcock

Golf was a beautiful game, but a difficult one, on the Royal Porthcawl links yesterday and Oxford found it harder than Cambridge. Of the five foursomes, Cambridge won four and halved the other, which means that three points and a half from today's 10 singles are all they need to win the university match for a fourth successive year. No one that I saw played badly, and no one better than Warman

No one that I saw played badly, and no one better than Warman and Grant for Cambridge and Armitage and Hurst for Oxford in the rop match. It was no disprace to lose this one. After Warman had putted Cambridge into an early lead—they were three up after five holes—Oxford set resolutely after them, and when they fooked like catching them it was usually Warman who prevented it.

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At the 132yd fourteenth in the morning, he did so by boling a seven-iron for a one after Armitage had put his own tee shot two feet from the flag. It says a lot for Oxford that they lost by only 2 and 1: in the afternoon Warman and Grant played 17 holes in approximately two under par. There were all manner of good strokes played by both sides.

By the same wind on which the flocks of golden plover played their spectacular games the third and fourth matches were tossed about in the morning. After being three down at the flight against Barclay, the Cambridge captain, and Boal, Monroe and Leach won the next five holes in a row. This was the match which Oxford come nearest to winning. One up at the thirty-fourth, they lost that in a good Cambridge four; the thirty-flith they won, which made them dornie, but at the eightearth, poor Mosroe, who had contri-

buted plenty of good shots to the match, booked out of bounds. It was Cambridge who were soon three down in the fourth match. Goodrich, though, and Sharpe wos six of the next seven holes and there was no Oxford recovery from that. Down at the horton of the there was no Oxford recovery from that. Down at the bottom of the order, Noble, captaining Oxford, took Seddon, another old Bluc, in with him—rwo experienced hands to make sure of a point lostead, it was Cockburn, of Cambridge, who holed for the match across the thirty-fifth green, thus completing a disappointing day for Oxford. They were down, I am afraid, for most of the way must of the time.

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The course is in splendid condition. Although the players were allowed to roll the ball on the fairways yesterday, they had decided against doing so today. There were some cold, rather pitiless showers in the morning; but the sunshine of the afternoon brought out the full beauty of the place. Unlike some of their cricketing brethren, who turn out these days in all the wrong colours at Lord's, the two sides were dressed in the right shades of blue—neat and tidy, and proud to be playing.

Agrillage (Gillimham GS and Christ Church, and R. J. O. Hurst, elem and Christ Church, lost to 1. M. T. Watman (Harrow and Selwyn) and N. J. Grant fasth hume and christs; 2. 2nd 1: J. M. Brandow (Vale and Pembrake and Pembrake, and R. J. Grant fasth hume and christs; 2. 2nd 1: J. M. Brandow (Vale and Pembrake) and Deck. Some and Deck. Bonding and Pembrake, and S. John's; and J. J. R. Morroe (Cundie and BNC) and C. Leach (Whilchurch MS and SI General Marchett, and SI John's) 2 and 1: J. R. Morroe (Cundie and BNC), and C. Leach (Whilchurch MS and SI General Marchett, and SI John's) and SI General Marchett, and SI John's and SI General Marchett, and SI John's 2 and 1. C. P. Sodday and SI John's 2 and 1. C. J. Colburn (Marchetter) and SI John's 2 and 1. C. J. Colburn's and D. C. J. Colburn's and SI John's 2 and 1. College, lovi and SI John's 2 and 1.

Rewarding show for the small boat sailors

By John Nicholls

Small boat sailors who feel that their sport is sadly neglected at the annual International Roat Show will be well rewarded by a show just for them this veckend. The London Dingley Publisher, at Picket's Lock, Edmonton, will be open today and tomorrow thom 10.30 to 6.30. On the will be about one hundred sailing dischios 10.30 to 6.50. On ther will be about one hundred saiding diagnosis including all the puper racing classes, together with a sen or elementarious on related subjects.

demonstrations on related subjects. While the emphasis of the show is mainly on the competitive side of the spert, cruising and beginners' dinglites are also displayed and one of the lectures is about "three thousand sea miles in a season". Other lectures cover relativourself, painting, sail setting, and racting rules and tactics.

It is a strictly amateur show and It is a strictly amateur show and while some of the lecturers are in the marine trade, the boat stands

will all be manned by members of the various class associations. They will all be well informed and pro-ficient sailors and the object of the exhibition is to be informative rather than a platform to promits sails. There will, never the less, be some hard selling going on in the promotional sense, for the tracing classes are always sensitive them.

racing classes are always ensince about their relative growth thies. However, the novice looking for a class to join should not be training ressed by the total of summbers for any given design. It is the number of boats registered for racing that matters.

Among the largest fleets of racing boats are many of the classes designed by Jack Holt. And to emphasize the contribution he has made to the development of dingity racing during the post 23 years, a special Jubiles collection of some of Jack's best-known designs has been arranged.

Rugby League

French will put the accent on attack

Carcassonne, March 18.—
France's Rugby League team hope to clinch overall victory in the triangular Jean Galia tournament here on Sunday when they meet England. They beat Wales 13—2

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French team officials have stressed that their players must go more on the offensive to win Although France's rejuvenated team beat a Welsh side who in the tournament. With a more attackturn have beaten England, many experts feel that their play, which

Weekend fixtures

FA Cup—sixth round Everton v Derby County
Livsrpool v Middlesbrough
Man Utd v Aston Villa
Wolves v Leeds Utd

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

First division Birmingham v Tottenham
Bristol C v QPR
Stoke v Leicester
Sunderland v Ipswich
W Brom A v Newcastle

Second division Bolton v Cardiff
Carlisle v Fulbam
Chelsea v Bristol R Chelsea y Briston
Hereford y Luton
Huli C y Charlton
Milwall y Oldham
Notts Co y Blackburn
Orient y Burnley
Plymouth y Blackpool
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SOUTHERN LEAGUE Framis Bivision.—Alterstone v Minehead; Burton

y Dover: Grantham v Chalmaford; v

Hilliandson v Rath: Katerine; v

League V Bodford. First Division.

North.—Barry v Banbury: Cambridge

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Millian Keynes v Kiderminster: Story

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Poole v Torbridge; Romford v Ash
rine: V Borchester.

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Plat Division: Heaton Mersey v Old
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& Eccles: Urmalox v Stockport.
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First Division: Buckharst Hill v Bexleyheath; Lise v Puricy; St Hollar v
Londen University.
WOMEN'S MATCH. England v Scotland 1:1 Bebblingin, 3:1. Third division

Brighton y Bury
Chester v Grimsby
Gillingham y Sheffield W
Mansfield v Peterborough
Northampton v Port Vale
Oxford U v Crystal Palace
Presson NE v Transere
Rection v Chesterfield

Fourth division Barnsley v Doncaster
Bradford C v Hyddersfield
Cambridge U v Hartlepool
Colchester v Southend
Darlington v Southend

ROEDBAR Steminorpe v Halifax (3.15) Stockport v Aldershot Watford v Crewe

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Barking v
Hayes: Bishor's Stortford v Wycombe
Wandertes Dutwick Hamlet v Wallhimstor Wooder: Enfeld v
Head Herbertes Southalt Effection
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Living; Surfon United v Tilbury;
Tooting & Mitcham v Illord

Football: FA Cup review (12.10). Rowing: Boat Race (12.40).

Rugby Union: Scotland v Wales (2.55), Ireland v France (4.30). Football: Match of the Day

Reading v Chesterfield
Rotherham v York C
Shrewsbury v Swindon
Walsail v Portsmouth

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Bos-on United v Rancom: Buston v Cales-cad: Fricking v Barrow: Gainsborougi ; Lincasier: Maccierticid v Mossiev: sellock v South Liverpool Notherfield islinck vi Northwich to April 12 Marison v Wigan Ablietic

Television highlights

Rowing: Boat Race (12.40).

Cricket: England team interview (1.30).

Racing: Chepstow races at 1.45, 2.15, 2.45.

Fencing: Martini international opee competition (1.55).

Rugby Union: Scotland v Wales (2.35), Ireland v France (4.0).

BBC 2—tomorrow Rugby Union: Scotland v Wales, Ireland v France (4.50).

TBA-tomorrow Footbail: Big Match (2.15). Boxing: Bugner v Lyle (9.55).

Scottish premier division Rugby Union International matches

Ireland v France (at Lansdowns Rd., Deblin) Scotland v Wales (at Murrayfield; Services match Army v Royal Air Force (at Twicken-

Edinburgh Acad. v Edinburgh Wirs.
10.30
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Gaia v Felde 11.0:
Goncester v Guya Hospital
Harriquins v Concentry 'at Stoop Nema.
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Hull & E.R. v Ern dition Pk.
Landon Scottish v Met. Pottee
London Welsh v Rosslin Pk.
Massing v Pontipool
Middlesbrough v Morpeth
Morley v Right.
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Notlingham v Esster
Oriel v Hallia:
Oxford v Cillion
Penarth v Sth water Police (at Bridgeh)
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Plymouth Alb. v Brisio! 7.0.
Royal High v Perty Park (11.0)
St. Helens v Durham City
Streatham. C. v St. Luico Coll.
Fredonar v Straud
U.S. Portsmouth v Wasps
Valefield v Roundhuy
Wassonian v Kolo. 11.0.
Weston-s-Mare v Tolmouth
Wignston v Watson Hockey
London LEAGUE: Broinley v
Reckenham: Dulvkin v Oid Kingstonlans: Guldford v Hanvis: Hounslow
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11.00:
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Tomorrow

Rugby Union
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round: Walsail v Solihull.
CLUB MATCH: Nuneston v London
Irlan. Irian.

Rugby League
First orvision: Bradford Northorn v Featherstone Rovers (5.50);
Loigh v Wigon (5.50); Oldham v
Cuslieford (5.50); Rochdale Harnets
v Barrow (5.1) Helens v Workingloon
Town; Warrington (Widnes.
SECONO DIVISION | Blackbool
Borough v Hull: Doncastor v Keighlev : Hulla v Swinton (5.30); Huddersfield v Botlev : Huyton v Williahavon (2.50); New Hunslot v Dowabury (3.30); York v Bramley.

Hockey Hockey

MATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP:
Ounter-final Round: Notifinham v
BAF Sirihe Command: Mariborough v
Slough: St Albans v Isca; Becletham
v Livernool Section.
COUNTY MATCHES: Gloucestorshire
v Staffordshire (at Cheltenham): London Indi ms v Lolesstershire (at Luron)
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KENT CUP: Operator-final Round:
Anchorisms v Blackheath (at Garrison
Ground, 11.10:
MIDDLESEX CUP: Semi-final
Round: Old Kingstonians v Hounslow
10.56: Tendington v Southgate.
SOUTH WALES CUP: Semi-final
Round: Cardill v Nuwport; Swansea
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Lacrosse REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Chesh-ire v Yorkshire (at Stockport, 3.00). Cross-country fler ford and Ware CC Bares (al Heriford, 1.30): Cemberley and Dis-lin, I Trophy meeting tat Camberley U. 10: Amphilli Park relays (at Amph-bill Park) Golf

Surrey v Middjesex (at Coombe Hill) Willshire Men v Ladies (at High Post) Rys Foursome (at Rye). Road running
Profit Daineeq Road relays (at Crystal Palace). Rowing Cambridge v Oxford Women's Boat Race (at Hentey): Lightweight Men's Lights (at Hentey).

Squash rackets

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The Irish have departed in imph, their pockets packed ith their winnings. Both the old Cup and the Triumph urdle fell to the invaders. Only e courage of Night Nurse premed them from Carrying off the ented them from carrying off the tree major prizes of the meeting when repelling Monksfield's sullenge in the Champion Hurse. The size of their gambling sins are already legendary. Mick 'Toole's £25,000 win on Davy ad seems small beer compared in the £50,000 Niall Flyan ented when his wife's horse, feladon, captured the big four-ear-old introle. But curiously nough, albeit on a small scale, to prince of lunatic punters at g prince of lunatic punters at le festival was an Englishman. As the sun shone briefly from momentarily cloudless sky half

Lingfield Park programme

371043- Southern Lad (D), A. Wates, 10-11-5 ...
19430 New and Fer (C,D), R. Anlina, 6-10-5
1-24 Smart, S. Melliu, 10-10-5
100-13 Great (D), D. Browning, 8-10-0 ...
1 m Smart, S-4 Near and Far, 11-4 Great, 6-1 South

2.0 G. J. SUPERIOR NOVICES HURDLE (£1,735: 2m)

30 LIMPSFIELD HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE (5743: 21m)

2.30 "DOUBLE STAR" HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE (£2,096:

3.0 LAURENT PERRIER CHAMPAGNE HANDICAP HURDLE

Marchant Prince (D) N. Walley S.
Gambett Prince (D) N. Walley S.
Gambett Bertstead, 5-11-8
Karamist Bertstead, 5-12-8
Karamist Bertstead, 5-12-8
Karamist W. Mussam, 5-11-8
Kastel Straight W. Mussam, 5-11-0
Kastel Basse; D. Taylor, 4-11-0
Izyrath, H. Westrook, 4-11-0
Izyrath, H. Westrook, 4-11-0
Tickels, H. O'Ncill, 4-11-0
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Lingfield Park selections

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By Our Newmarket Corresponder 2.0 Tragus. 4.0 Balanair.

4.0 SHAUN SPADAH NOVICES STEEPLECHASE (£695: 2m)

2.15 DAVIDSON CUP OPPORTUNITY HANDICAP HURDLE

Co-00 Pavardi, B. Sayles, 7-10-7 B. Sayles 7-10-7 B. Sayl

2.45 INGESTRE CUP HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE (£852: 2m

3.15 HAWTHORN MEMORIAL CUP HANDICAP STEEPLE-

3.45 WHITE HART CUP HANDICAP HURDLE (4yo: £542:

4.45 FEILDEN HUNTERS CUP STEEPLECHASE (£392: 21m)

1.º Lorarma, 100-50 Security Council, 9-2 Mr Marisbridge, St.moid Pride, 12-1 Home Turn, Ragusa Bay, 16-1 others.

4.15 ELKES CUP HANDICAP HURDLE (£920: 3m)

Swanisch, S. Meilor, 8-12-7
Solid Silver, H. Firning, 8-12-7
Solid Silver, H. Firning, 8-12-7
Mest Galls (C), A. Goodwill, 6-11-1
Memry Python, hirs J. Python, 5-10-18
Homeymor, F. Dever, 6-10-8
Son Casdy (C), P. Sevan, 6-10-9
Say Boy, W. Claf, 6-10-7
Proof Raight (D), E. Warren, 6-10-7
Act The Crees, Earl Joses, 5-10-7
Tudormead; R. Bower, 8-10-7

Television (IBA): 1.30, 2.0, 2.30 and 3.0 races]

an hour before the first race on Thursday, a normally staid and cautious racegoer said to me with a happy smile, "I've fust laid some fool of an Irishman nine fluers to one against it raining before the Gold Cup". Shortly afterward, as the heavens opened, I saw him hatless, coatless and shivering, handing over 145 to his opponent, who was suitably clad in a raincoat, waterproof trousers and gumboots.

Now that the excitement has died down, we can return to died down, we can return to normality and watch some enjoy-able racing at Chepstow and Ling-field Park this afternoon. Fred Rimell, whose hopes of gaining his second successive triumph in the Gold Cup were shartered when Zarib fell at the fifth face, then the state of the

old in Chepstow's new race, the f4,000 Ayusley China Cup Steeple-chase. Zarib looked magnificent in the parade ring at Cheltenham. His expecienced trainer would not be running him again so soon if the was not convinced of the a handicap on this course in the condition. he was not convinced of the gelding's continued well-being. But impressive as Zarib has appeared in his last two vicinited at Lingfield and Ayr, the former Triumph Hurdle winner faces a formidable opponent in Derek Kent's tough eight-year-old, Young Arthur, who won over hurdles at Cagnes-sur-mer in January. Since his return to England, Young Arthur has positively sparkled in his new role as a steeplechaser, having twice defeated last Wednesday's Arkle Challenge Trophy winner, Tro the Wink, at Kempron Park and Newbury. But Young Arthur may

Forster and Graham Thorner with Mr Large and Brig. My apologies are due to the indomitable Thorner, whose brillians and courageous riding of Prince Rock against Gay Vulgan on Thursday I wroughy affributed to Ron Barry. Mr Large, second to Tara's Dream at Warwick after stamming Peter Scot at Ludiow, has last Saturday's course winner, Caraival Day, and Water Colour to beat. Brig ran

At Lingfield Park, Fisherman's Cot can advertise the value of the Imperial Cup form by capturing the £2,500 Laurent Perrier Champagne Handicao Burdle. Fither-

showed signs of returning to his best when finishing a close fourth

Chepstow programme [Television (RBC 1): 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 races] 1.45 SHIP HURDLE HANDICAP (£970 : 3m) well set for victory

2.15 AYNSLEY CHINA STEEPLECHASE (£3.163 : 24m)

245 PARKWAY HURDLE (Handicap : £647 : 2m) ter Than Ever, C. Popham, S-12-7

mer Chie, F. Bingel, 5-11-0

loay Time (D), D. H. Jones, 6-10-10

g (D), T. Fornier, 5-10-9

mity Dose H. L. Kennard, 5-10-5

mity O), M. 7ale, 5-10-5

diers Gegen (D), V. Cross, 4-10-0

diy, C. Davies, 3-10-0

3.15 COUNTY STEEPLECHASE (£436: 3m 6f)

3.45 HARE AND HOUNDS HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £692 3-010-4

4.15 STEEPLE SELLING HURDLE (Handicap

25 0-0300 Knave of Heerta, A. Taf., \$-10-5 ... J. King 25 0-2016 Sea Picture, F. Gormin. 5-10-5 ... J. Flower 7 12 000000 Hardstryck, F. King, B-10-5 ... M. Flowd 5 1000-000 Ain's Boursy, J. Peacock, 7-10-0 ... R. Crank 10 00000 Seal, B. Hirks, 11-10-0 ... B. Hirks, 11-10-0 ... B. Hirks, 11-10-0 ... B. Hirks, 10 00000 Seaffon Princares, L. Kennurd, 5-10-0 ... R. Salley 000000 Seaffon Princares, L. Kennurd, 5-10-0 ... F. McKenna 8 000000 Seaffon Princares, L. Kennurd, 5-10-0 ... S. John 70 000000 Swance Music, P. Boiler, 4-10-0 ... S. John 70 000000 Swance Music, P. Boiler, 4-10-0 ... Miss J. Brock 7 41 p2-0000 Double Crown, F. Coate, 10-10-0 ... Miss J. Brock 7 9-47 Tumble Rock, 11-8 Knave of Hearts, 4-1 Suffron Princare, 6-1 Airy Fairy, 8-1 Harvest Resp., 10-1 Sea Picture, 12-1 advers. 2 112 Corriegholi, Earl Jones, 11:30-13 S. Morshold
J 416107 Zip Fastener, F. Rincil, 5:10-13 S. Morshold
1-10010 Lawky Lad (C-D), D. Nugoni, 9:10-12 C. Tinkler
10 112204 Cloud Park, M. Tale, 5:10-0 S. Parkyn
11 1-0220 Clarencoux, R. Artoytigo, 8:10-0 S. Parkyn
12 000100 The Morbense, W. Jenus, 9:10-0 R. F. Davies
13 212-490 Sanny Chief (C), B. Cambidge, 9:10-0 G. Jones
7-4 Zip Fastener, 3-1 Corriegholl, 9-2 Lanky Lad, Gloud Park, 8-1 Sunny
Chief, 1-1 others. 4.45 WHITE LION STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £621: 2m) 2 113320 Transformetics (C.B.), J. Old, 8-11-9 R. Ghampion 240012 Fatcons Boy (D. M. Salarian, 6-11-3 Mr. M. Roeves 3 Oppd3 Kant's Mill, L. Cottrell, 6-11-2 Mr. Mr. M. Roeves 3 300ff0 Lord of the Rings. D. Parman, 8-10-15 D. Evans 7 120512 Isleamrade (D), M. Oliver, 9-10-11 Mr. J. Weston 6 1-2-2 Derivan Town (D), E. Frott, 8-10-9 M. O'Hallorah 7 12 322(33 Jimlan, N. Gaselre, 9-10-6 M. Floyd 5 2-1 Factons Boy. 5-2 Isleamrada, 7-2 Transformation, 6-1 Dinham Town, 12-2 Jamian, 25-1 offices.

CHASE (£930: 3.m)

3 0-19140 Saucy Belle, R. E. Poacock, 11-11-2 R. F. Davics
D G3240 Sarrive (£-D), A. Jarris, 2-10-8 B. Brogan
T 942200 Sarrive (£-D), A. Jarris, 2-10-3 R. M. Clay
T 942200 Sarrive (£-D), B. Cambidge, 3-10-0 R. Mangan
D COOLUMN And Cash. (£-D), B. Cambidge, 3-10-0 G. Jones
T 1 1 195-38 Treoser. A. Fixles B-10-0 D. Sanderland
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Chepstow selections

By Our Racing Staff 1.45 Mr Large. 2.15 Zarib. 2.45 BRIG is specially recommended. 3.15 Bore Da III. 3.45 Crack O'Doon. 4.15 Highland Galaxy. 4.45 Chance Formation. 5.15 Portway Nick. By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.15 Zongalero.

Uttoxeter selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.13 Monty Python. 2.45 Zip Fastener. 3.15 Sybil. 3.45 Lerazma.
4.15 New Henry. 4.45 GREYSTOKE PILLAR is specially recom-By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.15 Miss Quilp.

Newcastle selections

By Our Racing Staff 1.45 Miss Sara. 2.15 Crofton Hall, 2.45 Lingus. 3.15 GOOLAGONG is specially recommended. 3.45 Timmie's Bartle. 4.15 Funny Buby. 4.45 Gintop.

3.45 CORBRIDGE STEEPLECHASE (Humers: £428: 3m)

4.93 FEILDEN HUNTERS CUP STEEPLECHASE (£392 : 21m)

1 211-321 Groystoke Pillar, G. Cunerd, 4-12-9 Mr C. Cundel)

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2 31-3 Europteasure, R. Take, 2-12-5 Mr P. Walcs, 4-12-5 Mr P. Docker, 4-12-5 Mr P. Docker Newcastle programme

[Television (IBA): 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 races]
1.45 BELFORD HURDLE (Handicap: Novices: £669: 2m 120 yd) 2.15 WHALTON STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £946: 2m 120yd)

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1 400011 Fine Talk, B. Wilkinson, R-11-13 A. Harrison 7
2 0-02221 Crotton Hall, J. Dixon, B-11-3 H. Barnes
5 02-2123 Indubitably (C-D), B. Wilkinson, G-11-8 C. Hawking 5
2-2-2-123 Indubitably (C-D), B. Wilkinson, G-11-8 C. Hawking 5
5 000240 Colevaine, S. Nashlit, 7-11-3 A. Meanay
7 22-4-2-12 Colevaine, S. Nashlit, 7-11-3 A. Meanay
8 000240 Colevaine, S. Nashlit, 7-11-3 A. Meanay
9 000240 Rambling Jack, A. Snephenson, 7-11-3 D. Turnbull, 7
10 00024 Rambling Jack, A. Snephenson, 7-11-3 N. Tinkler
12 4000 Sea Urchin, K. Scott, B-11-5 N. Tinkler
13 2-2000 Washer All, Mrs. S. Chesmore, 6-11-5 D. Mangan
14 3-2000 Washer All, Mrs. S. Chesmore, 6-11-5 J. J. O'Nenll
15 22001 L. Jet, M. W. Ensierby, 5-11-1 J. J. O'Nenll
16 000260 Code of Monour, M. Naughlon, 5-10-10 G. Faulkner 5
17 30000b Respents Choice, W. A. Stephenson, 5-10-10 G. Faulkner 5
18 1 Crotton Hall, 5-2 Fine Talk, 9-2 Le Jet, 7-1 Indubitably, 13-1 Sea Urchin, 16-1 others. 2.45 LEECH HOMES STEEPLECHASE (Haudicap: £2,117: 3m)

1 079-832 Ben More, P. Dever, 9-11-9 J. Glover G. (44140) Ben More, P. Dever, 9-11-9 J. Glover G. (44140) Ben More, P. Dever, 9-11-9 J. Gulvern No. Cypsy (D) D. Nicholson, 8-11-5 J. Subhern G. Order Stay-Bell (G), Mrs. B. Chesmore, 8-11-1 N. Takler G. (D), K. Oliver, 12-107, 12

3.15 WHITTINGHAM HURDLE (Handicap: £1,308: 2½m) 11-0007 Risa (C-D), W. A. Stophenson, 6-11-13 ... T. Slack
1-00 The Bening Stehop, K. Oliver, 10-11-9 ... R. Barry
1-0 The Bening Stehop, K. Oliver, 10-11-9 ... R. Barry
1-0 The Bening Stehop, K. Oliver, 10-11-9 ... R. Barry
1-0 The Bening Stehop, K. Oliver, 10-11-9 ... R. Barry
1-0 The Bening Stehop, K. Oliver, 10-11-9 ... D. Munro
1-0 Stehop, C. Booth, 6-10-11 ... D. Marry
1-0 Two Streets D. Mis S. Hall, 6-10-6 ... K. Goddard
1-0 Daw (D), S. Hall, 7-10-6 ... K. Goddard
1-0 Daw (D), S. Hall, 7-10-6 ... Mr K. Orde-Powlet Condension, N. Chron, 7-10-6 ... Mr K. Orde-Powlet Condension, N. Chron, 7-10-6 ... Mr K. Orde-Powlet Condension, N. Chron, 7-10-6 ... Mr K. Orde-Powlet Condension C.) F. Wallon, 7-10-6 ... J. Suthern
1-0 October C. F. Wallon, 7-10-0 ... Mr J. Wallon
1-0 October C. F. Wallon, 7-10-0 ... Mr M. Orde-Powlet C.) F. Wallon, 7-10-0 ... Mr M. Orde-Powlet C. F. Wallon, 7-10-0 ... Mr M. Orde-Powlet C. F. Wallon, 7-10-0 ... Mr M. Orde-Powlet C. F. Wallon, 5-10-0 ... D. Goulding Condension, S. Nesbill, 6-10-0 ... D. Nesbill 7
1-1 Sun Lion, 3-1 Goolegons, 9-3 Ruddy Drake, 8-1 Go Bingo, 10-1 Tree recept, 12-1 Christinas Comet, Rigs, 20-1 olders.

4.15 STAPLE HURBLE (Div I: Novices: £765: 2m 120yd)

4.45 STAPLE HURDLE (Div II: £762: 2m 120yd)

Goolagong is

By Jim Snow

Last week, Neville Crump remarked gloomily that his horses seemed to be out of touch and all wrong, and that he did not relish the prospect for them in the immediate future. The next day he sent Goolagong to Teesside Park. She won her three-mile hurdle well, the next to run, Ballet Lord, a three-day event horse who has the makings of a top class steeplechaser, was impressive at Ayr, and this success for Warwick House, Middleham was followed on Thursday at Teesside with Rookery Nook.

Goolagong comes out again today at Newcastle in the Whittingham Handicap Hurdle over two and a half miles. She has a 51b penalty, but was handicapped with bottom weight of 10st. A weight of 10st 51b should not prevent bottom weight of 10st. A weight of 10st Slb should not prevent her from gaining her fourth victory in her last five outings.

Lingfield Park HANDICAP HURDLE (18627: 2m) Red Ambios, ch. by Moticos— Cherry Traces (Nirs G. Davison). 5-10-7 ... G. Gracey (5-1) 1 Vaunted P. Upson (20-1) 2 Selway . D. Jeffries (10-11 fav) 3 Fell, and remounted ALSO RAN: 100-30 Four New Pence (ur). 4 zan. Nampars, hr (9, hr Barolo— Disphraym (H. Quick), 6-10-23 R. Flord (7-1) 1 Langton Water Mr A. Harris (6-1) 2 Prench Coin . N. Holman (30-1) 3 3.0 (3.1) YOWER HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,209: 2m)

3.50 (3.51) NEWLEAF MOVICES HURDLE (Division 1) (4-y-o: £471: 2',m) score, bg, by Dilke (USA)—Opening Cherns (D. Hutching n), 11-0 ... J. Francome (7-2: 1 Game Bavid P. Larch (11-2 fav) 2 C. Miner ... Jee Guest (6-1) 5 ALSO RAN: 10-1 Brondyland (5th) Breeze and Town Counseller (4th). 10 ran. TOTE: Win, 55p; pinces. 15n, 15n, 21p; dual forecast. 22p. 20l, 30. G. Bluo. at Newmarket. 4.0 (4.1) DORMANS HANDICAL STEEPLECHASC (\$1.108; \$2m) STEEPLECHASE (21.108: 1mt)
ATTEC STAR, br g by Axteo—
Jeanette ij, Coorret, 6-10-13
Jeanette ij, Coorret, 6-10-13
Cratecia Las, cr g, by Paddy's
Birthday—User Bratha (H. Soorborgt, 10-10-6 R. R. Evans (3-1)
Two ran,
TOTE: Win, 21p, 30l. R. Head, at Lambourn. at Lambourn.

4.30 (4.31) NEWLEAF HOVICES HURBLE IDIVISION II, 14-y-a: £467: 2'-en) POWER B C. by Treed Lambert Studing of the Lambert St

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2.15 (2.19) DENSTONE HURDLE
(5-y-0: 2385; ibn 15)
Cartquest, br in, by Don Cartos—
Last Bequest (M. Melcolm: 10-7
Hygica
C. Smith (5-1: 2
Double Star S. McNaill (2-1 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 10-1 Camping Trick
(4th: 14-1 Biessed Boy, Ottal, 20-1
Honographe Enoch, Sugar Bhorstaps, 50-1 Kelebratt, My Mark (f), Normandy Girl, Rebel Patton, Surprised Jin. 15
ran.
TOTE: Win Star Becase 16-2 Con-51. BRUNES-WAY AN NOT FAIL.

2.45 (2.40) SPRING STEEPLECHASE (2548; 3m 1f)
Folio, the Maid (M. Kingsley), 5-10-4 (7-2) 1

Spacer N. Tipkier (11-8 lay) 2

Spring Fires T. Stack (12-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-2 Lewere (pt. 13-1

Embasey (pt. Fortha, 20-1 Added Starter, Easy Move, Whitelers Foy, 50-1

What-4-Woppa (4th), Robber (ro), The Sanchey Squito, 12 rm.

TOTE: Win, 5-in; places, 14p, 12p, 15p, F. Rimell, at Sovern Stoke, 1 cl.

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3.15 (3.21) POTTERS HURDLE (Han-dicap: 2608: 2m 1f) dicap: 2508: 2m 11:

Border Bally, b m. by Bally Russe

—Border Gil (S. Toor), 8-10-0

Bowning Arms S. McNolli (12-1) 2

St Barnabus R. J. Owen (11-1) 3

ALSO (1AN: 7-2 for Wells Fargo, 10-1 Kinyasion, 11-1 Sackville, Sorten (1Ath), 8-1 Gusty Somers, 10-1 Kinyasion, 11-1 Sackville, Sorten, 14-1 Culzen Prince (11, Spiffing, Start Anew, 16-1 Royal Ring U. 20-1 Spinfire, 5-1 Boldson p), Nohlero, Moneyman, Appin, Foncy Pierre, Moneyman, Appin, Foncy Pierre, Misly Joanne, Golden Jet. 21 ran.

TOTE: Win, 21-45: pieces, 269, 616, 329, 15p. A Birch, at Utlocoter, 61, 31. 20p. R. Brissey, at Mulpas, 21, "al.
4.15 (4.18) FARLEY STEEPLECHASE
(Bandican: Novices: \$365: 5m 2f)
Saffren Cake, b 9, by Elf Arrow—
Street Saffron 1 Power Packing
Services Lid., 8-11-0
Moonatous Lad J. Glover (15-2) 7
Moonatous Lad J. Glover (15-2) 7
Moonatous Lad J. Glover (15-2) 1
Moonatous

2°al.

4.35 (1.36) NORBURY HURDLE (Handkap: Novices: 5-y-o: 4328;
2m 11;
2m 11;
2m 10;
Staredo C. Cartveright 15-11 2
Staredo C. Smilli 18-11 2
ALSO RAN: 7-2 Prince of Normandy
(Jih). 9-2 Pamphilos, 6-1 Bargain
Day (p), 16-1 Ernest, 20-1 Periphos
Major Crists, 25-1 Bright Cornel
Delarum, Pedder Street, 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, 5-5: places, 20p, 15p.
259. J. Welsh. at Aarol
TOTE DOUBLE: Border Bailer,
Salfron Raic, 23-720, TREBLE: Folio,
Yog, Samiy Hill, 271-75. 4 tickets, to Middlesex, will have to cope with the complications of Sain's stickcraft in the Slough forward line.



The greatest white hope again after

the greatest

Las Vegas, March 18.—Britain's
Joe Bugner said today that he was
going to help bring an end to the
American Ron Lyle's career in
Sunday's 12-round heaveners by Sunday's 12-round heavyweight boxing bout here. Bugner, the 27-year-old British champion, is a 27-year-old British champion, is a 9 to 5 favourite to beat the 35-year-old Lyle.

"Ron Lyle is a man who has gone very far with a very limited ability," Bugner said. "I think he's done very well, but he's coming to the end of his career, and I'm going to help bring it to an end.

I'm going to help bring it to an end.

"He's hig, slow and bloody awkward. Ability is going to outwelgh crudeness, and he's the crude one and I'm the smoothie." Bugner said he would not go looking for Lyle. "I won't have to, he'll be there. He has to find me." Bugner added that he was the best white beavyweight since Rocky Marciano. "If it sounds big-headed, it's because it's true, I am the best white heavyweight in the world."

After beating Lyle, Bugner said in the world."

After beating Lyle, Bugner said he would like to meet George Foreman and then Ali for a third time. All beat Bugner in a 12-round contest in 1973 and in a 13-round title bout in 1975, both by unanimous points decisions.

"It would bother me if Ali retires and I never have another chance to fight him," Bugner said, "Because I've never given him the true Joe Bugner. The first time I gave him a good fight, but I was only 22 and had no experience. The second time, the heat and humidity in Kuala Lumpur got to me."

Young disturbs heavyweight

world rankings heavyweight boxing rankings here last night when he unanimously outpointed George Foreman, also of the United States, the number one challenger for Muhammad Ali's world title. one challenger for Muhammad AH's world title.

The result was a big upset. Foreman was an overwhelming favourite

In the twelfth round, Young was backed into a corner but he unleashed six punches to Foreman's head. They hurt the former world champion. Young remained on the offensive, unleashing a left to the head followed by a right cross that pur Foreman down.

Foreman grasped the lower strand of the ring ropes as he reached the floor and bounced up immediately. But the referee, Waldemar Schmidt, gave him a mandatory count of eight.

With a minute left in the bout and the exhausted Foreman staggering, it seemed that Young might put him down again, but Young, confident that he was well ahead on points, coasted to victory. Foreman, who was taken to hospital after the bout was reported today to be still under observation.—Reuter.

Hockey

Aldrich should answer Watson's heavy artillery By Sydney Friskin The end of the English hockey

The end of the English bockey season is in sight and the struggle for supremacy in the national club championship, sponsored by Benson and Hedges, will be resumed tomorrow when the quarter-final round is played. The quality of the teams on view is so high that it is difficult to choose the right one to see.

Nottingham, the Midlands champions and holders of the national title, are at home to RAF Strike Commend at Goosedale Farm, a smug little corner of hockey acticommend at Goosedale Farm, a snug little corner of hockey activity of which Nottingham are proud. Aldrich, a superb striker of short corners for the RAF, should answer Watson's heavy artillery, but Nottingham's superior midfield stock, pivoting on Elson, should enable them to win. should enable them to win.
A typical trial of strength between north and south takes place
at Beckenham, where the home
side are meeting Liverpool Setton.
Here, too, the midfield battles
should tell, and if Liverpool seem should tell, and it Liverpool seem slightly better equipped with Blackmore, David Badley and Eyre to stimulate the visitors, Beckenhaw, with McIotosh the dauger man, have the speed and probably more skill in stack.

The emphasis will be on attack to the same at Classica Book to in the game at Clarence Park be-tween St Albans (eastern champions) and Isca (western runners-up). Underfull and Whitby, the inp). Undertill and Winitby, the most resourceful of the Exeter forwards, will look to Harris to prompt them from behind, but the pace is Ekely to be set by the seemingly stronger Sr Albans front line, where Holbrook, Morgan and Ashby could get quickly into their stride and make this the matth of the day. Then perhaps no one need have to say "East is East and West is West an 6the wrong one I have chose". But for sheer artistry nothing But for sheer artistry nothing could surpase the game between Marlborough and Slough. Marlborough, composed entirely of players from the stylish Wiltshire

England are favourites despite lifted boycott From Cliff Temple

Athletics Correspondent Düsseldorf, March 18 Even with a threatened boycott of Sunday's international cross-country championships here by country championships here by eight African countries lifted, England must still be favouries to retain the senior men's team title with a party which has a depth that is the envy of the other 26 nations entered. Although lacking the national champion, Brendan Foster, who has stayed at home in Gateshead with his wife and new baby son, the England team includes two of the first three individuals last year in Bernard Ford and Touy Simmons, both former English champions, and a third in David Black, who feels that the fast going of the Grafenberg raccourse may suit his style more than the ups and downs of Parliacourse may suit his style more than the ups and downs of Parliament Hill did a fortuight ago.

The 12-kilometre senior event includes just a small artificial bank, a ditch and some logs to be hurdled on each lap, which has some of the traditionalists muttering into their beer about it being a glarified track steeplechase.

chase.

No matter. When Wales staged the event last year they put it on at Chepstow racetourse, and Cambridge was England's site in 1972 when it was again fast going, so it is not as if the home countries always take their opportunities to provide what they opportunities to provide what they

The African boycott threat came—as it did in Montreal—over the participation here of New Zealand

Federation. Athletic Federation, Adrian Paulen, threatening to ban the African nations from September's World Cup competition in this city if they rejected the Cross-country, a solution was found. Two hours of talks with John Holt, secretary-general of the IAAF, have led the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa to lift their boy-cott call.

A lot of interest will centre on Athletic

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Sunday on the return to the event
of David Bedford. Surprisingly,
he has not raced in the international championship since 1971,
when he won the title by a
colossal margin in San Sebastian.
Now, six years later, he is back,
not as a potential winner, but as
an athlete involved in a remarkable comeback from a severe
hamstring injury. "I've had a
bit of a strain in my other hamstring this week, but nothing to
worry about", he said today.
"I'm really looking forward to
running this race again. It doesn't
seem anything like six years."

England's main opposition
should come from Belgium as the
potentially great New Zealanders should come from Belgium as the potentially great New Zealanders have none of their Olympic trio of John Walker, Rodney Dixon and Dick Quax here. Individually, the Olympic 10,000 metres silver medallist, Carlos Lopes, of Portugal, a surprise winner of the event last year, will be difficult to beat. He easily handled Simmons in the recent Portugues. to beat. He easil open championship and his defeat by Black and Ford at Crystal Palace before Christmas was, as

Cricket

West Indian fast bowlers strike early blows

Georgetown, March 12.—Pakistan's early batsmen again fell to the West Indies' fast bowlers as the touring side alumped to 102 for four wickets at lunch on the first day of the third Test match here today. About half an hour after the resumption Pakistan had scored 136 for six.

The West Indies success was some consolation for the loss of their captain, Clive Lloyd, who was helped off the field only 15 minutes after the start. Doctors minutes after the start. Doctors said Lloyd had pulled a hamstring as he chased a ball to the boundary. It is not known whether he will take any further part in the

match.

A capacity crowd of 12,000 had packed into the ground and more were perched in trees overlooking the Bourda Oval here to see the new fast bowler Garner make the early breakthrough. Garner needed only three balls before he had the wicket of Sadiq Mohammad. Sadiq, attempting a hook, smicked a carch to the acting captain. Murray.

Pour runs later Pakistan lost Zaheer Abbas, who was bowled by Garner in his second over without scoring. Majid Khan, meanwhile, seemed to be in masterly form, hitting five fours in his 23 before Roberts, who had made the hell. Roberts, who had made the ball move disconcertingly early on, hit him in the face with a rising ball. A few minutes later Majid edged an outswinger from Roberts to

Mutray.

At 46 for three, Mushing Mohammad joined Faroon Rashid and they put on 50 in even time. Rashid hooked Garner and Croft for two towering sixes and drove with great power.

After two chances to dismiss Rashid had been lost, Croft made Rashid play at a ball down the off side. It took an edge and Murray held his third catch. Asif Iqbal joined Mushtaq and between them they saw out the last few minutes to lunch, putting up the 100 in 116 minutes on the way. But two more wickets fell early in the afternoon with Iqbal and Raja being caught and bowled by Croft.

Melbourne, March 18.-MCC McIbourne, March 18.—MCC left here today for home, defeated in the centenary Test hut confident about their chances in the series against Australia this summer. With Dennis Lillee out of the Australian team with a recurrence of a back injury, England could well sart favourites for the five-Test series.

They won a series in India for the first time in 43 years and lost the centenary Test by a mere 45 runs, in spite of having only a week to adjust to the fast Austra-lian pitches. England's captain, Tony Greig, has no doubts. "We have a few weeks to get over this long and exhausting tour before we do battle again. This time I promise a different result."

Motor racing

Drivers of private entries given a rare chance

By John Blunsdon

The European formula one season gets under way at Brands Hatch this morning when 17 drivers will be lapping the 2.65 miles circuit to qualify for grid positions for tomorrow's Race of Champions which is sponsored by Mariboro and the Dally Mail.

As no works team has entered more than one car a rare opportunity has been provided for drivers of private entries, who often have difficulty in qualifying for a grand prix, not only to be assured of a race, but also to collect starding and prize-money on the same basis as the works teams. The Formula One Constructors' Association have also to put up a special prize for the first non-graded driver in the finishing order.

Three of the cars entered for the 40 lap race are making their first public appearance, and three more are being seen for the first time in Europe. The world championship leader, Jodi Scheckter, has a new long wheelbase Wolf-Ford, David Puricy's brand new Lec-Ford turned a wheel for the first time this week in private tests, and Rupert Keegan is making his first formula one appearance in the

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A number 11 bus set me down at The Six Bells, King's Road, and from there, just across the road, past 2 row of crumbling Regency houses, is Mastresa Road and the Chelsea Poly. Up the broad stone steps and through the big swing doors and I had started, in my own mind, my first steps towards the theatre. Although no one else but myself knew that.

At first it was considered, and with reason, that I was too young to attend the Poly. I was not quite 17. However, Williamson, the principal, had seen a folio of my work, that is to say examples of stage designs, costumes, and illustrations for plays which I had written but which, naturally, had not been performed. Vaguely impressed, as he himself said, by my sense of colour design and "inventiveness", he waived the few months needed to make me as it were "legal" and I started on my way.

Some weeks before, my

Some weeks before, my patient father took me to Gamages, to a fire sale which he had seen advertised, and on my way. Gamages, to a fire sale which he had seen advertised, and within an hour, among piles of slightly damp and smoky germents on the top floor, outfitted me in a grey tweed sult, a bottle green striped one, a sundry collection of woollen and nother than the strategy and a polo-necked sweaters and a pair of brogue shoes, one size tuo large, in suede.

I was enraptured. These, and the obligatory "smock" which we all had to wear, were to constitute my entire wardrobe for some rime to come. I almost slept in the buttle green suit I liked it so much, and the brouge slopes, stuffed and the brogue shoes, stuffed with a little wad of paper, gave me a stature and dignity I must otherwise have lacked. At least so I thought.

This was a very different atmosphere from the school on the hill. No hulking lumps here inching to kick something, no shared desks, no dustbin lunches. Instead high, airy rooms, quiet, purposeful people, sitting on stook indulg-ing in the highest form of luxny to me, just painting, drawing and even, at times, dood-ling away. We signed a book on entrance to each class and on our departure for luncheon, usually a beer and a sandwich at The Six Bells or a Lyons tea shop near Sloane Square—not a beer there, of course, warm tea in a thick cup, but still ... it was not a meat pie and

The Classes were a mixed assembly of people, sexes and ages. I was astonished, and encouraged, to find that my neighbour in "Illustration" was a woman as old as my grandmother with a smock, a frantaionteer with a smock, a flooppy felt hat, a ruffia bag full of paints and brushes, rubbers and pens, her sandwiches and a small flask of brandy from which, during the morning, she would take a strengthening swig.

long bloade hair who were long bloade hair who were really not serious artists, but merely "Finishing Orf", as they called it—and who painted endless chains of pussy cats, blue-birds or hundles, and seldom came back after the lunch break. Others, like Erica Schwartz, were far more serious. Smocked, sandalled, rather grubby, she and her companions worked industriously in "Design" covering yards of material with abstract yards of material with abstract patterns of blue and mauve which they then turned into skirts and shirts and stamped about the corridors pinning notices on the Notice Board bearing large hammers and bearing large hammers and sickles. They, these industrious girls, and some men, also ran the Dramatic Society which I was allowed, in spite of my age, to join, so that I could help with the painting of the covery and the making of the covery and also to swell costumes and also to swell the chorus which used to sing Red Fly the Barners O! to the rune of Green Grow the Rushes O! It was all magical, exhiberating, bursting with promise. I had never, I believed, even at the Comage, been so happy in my life

My first "task"—we were usually set a task at the beginusually set a task at the beginning of every week to set us on a line of thought or design—was to design the cover for a book. In this particular case H. E. Bates's The Poacher. This of course, normally, meant that one had to read the book, or intelligently "skip through" it in order to get at the "essence", as it was always called. What the "essence" was depended entirely on what one thought it meant. And one's work was judged accordingly. I had read the book and set to, as I so judged accordingly. I had read the book and set to, as I so often do, without much care and preparation. My sketch book was a riot of fields, woods, dead rabbits and panoramas of Great Britain from Lulworth Cove to Ben Nevis. H. E. Bates's simple tale was illustrated by me at any was illustrated, by me at any rate, as the natural history handbook of the British Isles, including every single beast which lived within them and which lived within them and some which did not. I was enormously impressed by my own efforts and, as usual, embellished my design with guns and traps, fishing rods, gaffing hooks and snares. I left nothing out. And nothing to the integination. At the Wednesday Class, covered with pride and a singular lack of humility (everyone else was still at the "blocking in stage") I offered my finished cover to our patient, calm, gentle our patient, calm, gentle teacher, Graham Sutherland. In his neat farmer's smock, his pale blue knitted tie, with his

ing too, because he smiled often, spoke very little; one was never certain of what he exactly thought. And he was not about to give anything away.

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Patiently this day he sar beside me, dragging up a stool to my desk, slowly he examined my startling, lurid, finished cover. Gently he explained that I might have possibly missed the point of the exercise. It was not, he said, to tell the entire story of Mr Bates on the cover, but rather to leave that to the reader to find out for himself which, after all, was the author's job. Mine, he said gently, as the designer, was to suggest to the reader what he might find beneath the wrappers; to offer him some simple, uncomplicated, symbol which he could recognize enough to tempt him to read the book. Not something which would convince him that he had read it already, or worse, that he knew what it was all about and didn't want to read it anyway.

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Swiftly, economically, he drew a face, a cloth cap, some rabbits' legs, a long waring line which was clearly a field of corn and the entire subject was before me. I apologized in a mumble. He was anxious.

"But are you sure you know what I mean? Simplicity, you see... just the suggestion. The essence. Not?, he said gently, "a map of England with all its Blood Sports."

I started again much cast down but already agreeing, how could I poot, that he was right. But how to simplify...how to find the "essence?? That was my problem, and eventually stealing from him shamelessly I did my design by the end of the week and got top marks.

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But the discovery was magi-cal, I mean the general discovery. Being treated as an equal, as an already proved, which I was not, artist, gave me back a great deal of ebbing courage. I drew and drew and covered nace after name of courage, I drew and drew and covered page after page of sketch books with a wild assortment of ideas which I then was forced to condense, simplify, coordinate, in short ... design. It was not, I was quick to find out mercifully, quite the same as merely "Drawing".

Drawing was much harder. Drawing meant, for me, the Life Class. A serious, grimy room. A wide semi-circle of room. A wide semi-circle of stools round a battered rostrum on which reclined or
trum on which reclined or
stood, in patient humility, and
bored indifference, a naked
woman or, at times, man.
Always ugly, aiways thin or
vastly fat, as unacceptable
naked as they must have been
fully clothed.

In winter they froze to liver-sausage blue in the arctic room, warmed only vaguely by a one bar electric fire, around which bar electric fire, around which they huddled at the "rests" in tatty silk kimonos—in the sum-mer they baked and broiled under the relentless glare of the sun from the skylight win-dows—all for a pittance an hour. Eyes glazed with bore-dom they saw past and beaud dom, they saw past and beyond us, locked into a frozen area of numbness from which nothing, save the ringing of the alarm clock to tell them their time was up, could release them.

Although, up until then, I had never seen an entirely naked woman before, I was completely unmoved. I only remember being suddened by the sight of so much ugly flesh humped so dejectedly in a bent-wood chair. I found drawing their ugliness far harder to cope with than anything else. It seemed that if I started off with a head the left foot usually ended up miles off the bottom of the page and some-where in the region of my own feet. However much I held up my pencil to measure, as I saw the other students doing with great professionalism, I never got the proportions right, and in spite of constant rubbings-out

got the proportions right, and in spite of constant rubbings-out and staving agains, the human body defeated me entirely. I sweated on and for ageless days sat in a smaller room with some others who found it as hard as I did, studying and drawing, in vicious detail, every bone and socket in a range of dusty skeletons which hung, dangling feet and hands, from wooden gibbets, swinging forlornly in the draughts.

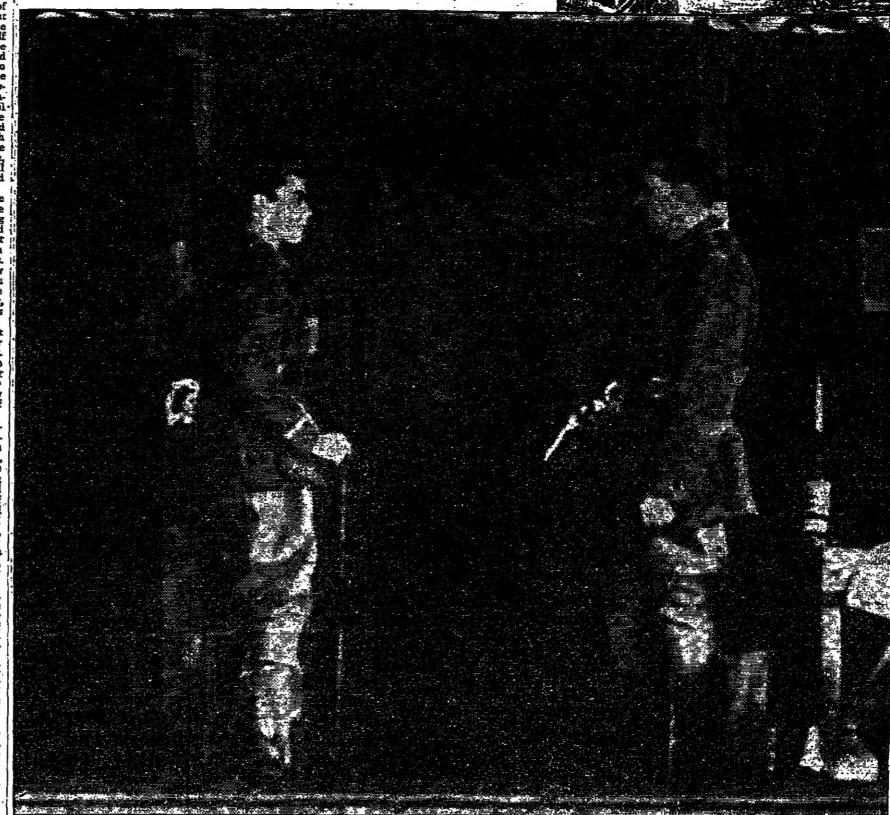
"Try not to bother with her too much", said Henry Moore, who took us for Life and, later on, Soulpture. "She's not much good really, but it's very hard to get skeletons these days. Very hard indeed. She's pretty young, this one, mid-twenties, I'd say..... died some time about 1890. You see the rib cage? All squashed up, those dreadful corsets of theirs. How did she breathe, for God's sake? You see? Squashed tight. Quite useless for you really. No Form there, simply deformed. Shocking really. But it's the best we have at the moment." Smocked, and with a woolly tie, he too moved among his pupils quierly and gently, correcting and suggesting here and there, patient with the slow, glowing with the more advanced of us. Wanting to share his obvious delight and love of the Human Body. "This absolute miracle of coordination, of nuscle and bone. A brilliant conception never dination, of muscle and bone.

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yet beaten", he said.

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But it took me a long time to come towards strating his delight. And although I sat spellbound if he came to my board to tug a muscle or a joint into place, or scribbled a rapid explanation for me on the side of my disordered, erased, smudged drawing, his swathed. mostly facelers swathed, mostly faceless figures reminded me a little too sharply of Mr Dodd's mummies ever to re-kindle a dying interest in the Human Form. I small that k lied and steady piercing eyes, I found him the served him better in Perspective, and he was encouraging of all the teachers at the School He was rather frighten. I rather fimidly, that I wanted to

Steps towards the stage by Dirk Bogarde



Above: Dirk Bogarde and Lionel Cox in a scene from 'Journey's End', which was produced at Newick in 1938

Top: Refugees on a Flanders Road, 1916. Taken from Dirk Bogarde's 1939 sketchbook, and 'probably pinched from old photographs'.

go in for Stage Design rather where beyond Ashdown Forest than any other form of art he and never let it waver. It went set to with enthusiasm and on at the village hall and was Points and Source of Light until, little by little, I aban-doned almost altogether Life Class and attended, as often as I could, and more often than I should, Perspective. Which is why, to this day, I can still do a remerkably good bird's eye view of the Piazza San Marco, Times Square or even Kennington Oval looking as if they had been struck by bubonic plague. My perspectives are empty. However I am very good at people leaning out of windows. That's about as far as Mr. Morre with all his patient. Mr Moore, with all his patient efforts, ever got me.

If I was hopeless at Life Class I was making tremendous Class I was making tremendous strides towards becoming a Playwright. The Cox family was exceedingly encouraging and welcomed me into their family. Every evening, after I had returned from Art School, I would cycle over to "Chez Nous" and spend a great deal of time with Nerine, who was soft, blonde, gentle and deeply interested in all my theories; discussing the ideas for a new play, the plots and even the sets. We wrote poetry together and spent hours in the deoths of Rotherfield Woods talking of my Future. We never, it seemed, ever got around to hers. And at no time did we discuss the world around us discuss the world around us which was steadily becoming more and more troubled but which caused us no apparent concern. The pronoun "I" fell rapidly and confidently from our line. Except that her "I" rapidly and confidently from our lips. Except that her "I" was "You". Which I felt was just as it should be. Eventually, from all this airy chatter and from all this airy chatter and from all these floating plans about my Future a play got written. It was called The Man. On The Bench and starred Nerine as the Prostitute and myself as the Man. As far as I can recall it was a very long monologue for mainterrupted, only here and there, by Nerine dressed in black satin and a feather boa. The trick was the surprise end-The trick was the surprise end-ing when the Prostitute left in a huff and the Man fumbled about in the skirts of his over-coar producing a white stick.

Very moving. I don't quite know why I had not given the entire plot away from the start for I fixed my eyes in a steady glazed stare at a point some-

Blind, you see.

well received by a rather sparse audience who had other things on their minds since, a day or so before, Germany had annexed Austria. This irritated annexed Austria. This irritated me more than anything else. We had a poor house, and I felt that the message of the play was unfairly judged. However, I cheered up considerably when I realized that within a few days I should be 17 and Mr Cox had offered me my first leading male in a second control of the cox of the co my first leading role in a "real" play which was to be the September event of the villzge.

It was decided by the all male committee of the Newick Amateur Dramatic Society, known as the NADS, to do an known as the NADS, to do an all male play with a warning. Journey's End was selected as being the most suitable—a reasonable cast, one set, and timely in a year of mounting tensions. I was to play Raleigh. I started to learn the French's acting edition there and then. In the meanting the rest of acting edition there and then.

In the meantime the rest of life was going on in its implacable way, which in no way affected me much until the death of beloved Mrs Jane and shortly afterwards that of Grandfather Aimé. A slight stroke and growing incontinence finally forced his departure from the grubby house by the West Pier into his clean, spartan, nursing his clean, spartan, nursing home in Kemp Town.

Enraged at being removed forcefully, as he said, he gave one of his cronies in the junk trade a 15 note to strip out the house. My parents arrived to collect him one morning as two collect him one morning as two parked vans drove away from the mouldy square. He retained a few "treasures" with which to furnish his room at Kemp Town, the rest were dispersed all over Sussex, some even landing up at Christie's mornis later. There was nothing to be done, e-critising was perfectly legal, and my distressed parents managed only to retrieve a Nanking jar, a black ebony table, and a pile of National Geographical Magazines. Grandpapa's spite had azines. Grandpapa's spite had won. And it finally killed him off, loathing his matron, smoking like a chimney, and wilfully peeing all over his faded Anhyren. He won't always and the state of the spite of the spit Aubusson. He went almost as suddenly as he had entered, or her up the burstlag gangway filled with anxious people carrying bags and suitcases. We waited on the quay until evenre-entered, our lives. Singularly unmissed and shortly for-

Rehearsals. for End started amid the growing tension in Europe. Not, per-haps, the wisest of plays to attempt on the threshold of a new war—although that did seem rather unlikely to me once I had been reassured, by gentle Nerine, that I would not gentle Nerine, that I would not be called up until I was at least 19, which gave me two years, and no war, no modern war that is to say, could possibly last that long. Also, she had heard it said at the Red Cross and in the St John's Ambulance Brigade, to which she was devoting more and more of her time, that all the German tanks were made of cardboard and the population were half-starving, having neither milk nor meat nor butter.

My father, needless to say, did not share these opinions and was longer and longer as The Times than he was as home. All about us a disturbing feeling of apprehension was stirring. People were getting restless and even starting to dig trenches in the Longer ing to dig trenches in the Lon-don parks. Erica Schwartz and her friends got more and more frantic and held long urgent meetings in the common room and begged us all to be conscientious objectors, which I thought might be quite a good ing. One of my special new girl friends, a golden blonde with a white sports car and a father who made shoes in Czechoslovakia, one day was no father who made shoes in Czechoslovakia, one day was no longer at class and we heard that she had suddenly been ordered back to Prague. I was very depressed because she was beautiful, rich, clever and liked me to the extent of cooking me baked beans on toast on her gas ring in a crumby little flat which she rented for fun in Jubilee Place. I was astonished that she should leave without even sending me a note for we had become, I thought, very close friends a note for we had become, I thought, very close friends... however, she went. The Govonis had been recalled to Rome some time before, but Giovanna was sent back to stay with us for a holiday to "keep up her English". The telephone now rang almost constantly from Rome with worried appeals to get her back as soon as possible. My father and I drove her down to a boat at Newhaven and shoved her up the burstlag gangway

tually a small, weeping red-hesded figure fought her way to the stern waving, sobbing and crying out "I love you. I'll and crying but I love you. I'm never forget you. Goodbye, goodbye". The sirens went, gulls screeched and the packed ship moved gently away from She stood there waving and waving until the ship made a slow turn to port at the end of the long jetty and bore her away, out of my sight, for 23

years.
My father and I were very quiet driving home through the lanes to the house. He only spoke once, when we stopped at the Chalk Pir outside Lewes

for a beer.

"1 can't really believe", he said, "that it is all going to happen again." The rehearsals for the NADS were cancelled. No one seemed to have the heart to read to have the heart to read through a play which was regrettably becoming more and more timely. Added to which it was difficult to get the cast together because people suddenly had extra things to do in their spare time, and Cissie Wagborn, who had a car, dragooned and builted myself and a boy from Fairwarp called Buster into driving about the county fitting elderly people with gas masks and explaining to them the problems of Blast and Blackouts. The rehearsals for the NADS

and Blackouts.

Influenced by all this activity and talk of a new war, and very much by Journey's End. I started to paint, emissistingly, scenes from the First World War. I read every book I could lay my hands on in my father's study ranging from All Quiet On The Western Front, The Seven Pillars of Wisdom, The War of The Guns to the Michelin Guides to the Eattlefields. William Orpen, John and Paul Nash became my idols, and my bedroom was covered with reproductions of their works. I was quite conand Blackouts. their works. I was quite con-vinced that I was puinting in vinced that I was painting in this fury because I was a reincarnation of a young soldier who had been killed in 1917. Nothing would budge me from the belief; the output of my work was prodigious, leading Sutherland to say that it was probably better to "get it out of my system" and exercise my imagination. He was very patient and understanding and knew full well that no reincarnation was taking place, simply nation was taking place, simply a release from too much emo-

Summer Recess and, armed with my paints and brushes plus a bursting portfolio of agonizing scenes in the blazing ruins of Ypres, Albert with its leaning Virgin and sundry por-tions of the entire Western Front, I glumly headed for Sussex, Nerine and the fitting of yet more gas masks. I felt lost, worried and disconnected. Even though my last reports from the Art School had been glowing and highly encouraging, I felt within me the interest and love for Art slowly ebbing. I knew, instinctively, that I would never be a successful painter for the simple. cessful painter, for the simple reason that I did not want to be. I had no dedication but a totally God-given talent which I truthfully wished could be directed towards the main love of my life: the Theatre. And

of my life: the Theatre. And my father's sudden, and extraordinary decision, already planned long before 1 knew anything about it, to send me off to study the process of colour photogravure at the Sun Engraring Co Ltd at Watford came like a bolt from the proverbial blue and only increased my growing despair. If I had given up the idea of the career laid down for me it was quite clear that his mind was still quietly working towards Printing House Square. ing House Square. Accordingly, one hot July

In this welter of second-hand grief, anxiety, and some-

thing which was rapidly approaching self-pity, the Poly-technic closed down for the

Accordingly, one hot fully morning, I presented myself at the Works in Whippendall Road, was warmly welcomed, and bustled into "digs" in a beastly terrace house in a long, red brick street half a mile away. My landlady, a widow with tight yellow curls and a diamond brooch in her orange cardigan, showed me my room cardigan, showed me my room at the top of the stairs, hoped that I would be "comiy" and said that all meals would be taken in the front parlour with herself and her son who was a coffin polisher. Tea, she said, would be very son and coffin polisher. Tea, she said, would be very soon and she would hir the goog when it was ready. My room, floored with dead brown linoleum, had a wide double bed, a washbowi with jug and a florid brass clock on the mantel which played eight bars of The Sunshine of Your Smile at the hours and, like Bishopbriggs, struck all the quarters. nours and, like Bishopbriggs, struck all the quarters.

I learned absolutely nothing during my stay in the Sun dus on March 24, at £495.

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Engraving Works. Not for Engraving Works. Not fo want of teaching; people were wonderfully good and diseverything they could to mak me comprehend and enjoy the "job" which I was to follow through. Colour printing was still fairly new at that time and it was my father's greatest ambition, one day, to see the picture page of The Times in glowing colour. It was, aparticom Northcliffe and all the Astors and their Newspaper his consuming passion. As a his consuming passion. As a very small child I remember avery small child I remember in the studio in St. George's Road, my mother standing about swathed in bolts of coloured silks while my father and Logie Baird photographes her from different rooms, I presume, with an early Television Camera. It was all very home-made and it is all rather vague in my memory. However, it was a passion which filtered into the house and into all of us, and I clearly recall the pride and excitement of seeing the first colour photograph ever taken by ordinary stage lighting in a Theatre. It was a glass plate of Pavlova dancing "The Dying Swan" and she received it, apparently with gratitude and delight, according to her letter; that small rectangle of softly coloured dance of softly coloured dates.

with gratitude and uction, according to her letter; that small rectangle of softly coloured glass (the second one) remained my father's most treasured possession, for it represented the culmination of years of experiment, bullying, cajoling and stubborn insistence for which he was entirely responsible.

But the love was not being transmitted to the son. Although I followed every single process from re-touching to the stapling and final folking of one wretched magazine as it came thudding off the machines, absolutely nothing whatsoever went in to my bewildered brain. I returned in the family home a little thinner, more determined than ever to try and avoid anything ner, more determined than ever to try and avoid anything whatsoever to do with new-papers, and the cheerful owner of two blue budgerigars which someone in the Print Shop, who bred them, had given me. They had been in the house three days when Minnehaha, the cat, ate them: and vanished as swiftly as my father's hopes of his vision of my future.

my future.

A few nights later we drove down to Croydon Airport to meet one of his photographers who was, he hoped, on the last flight. who was, he hoped, on the last flight out of Prague. Standing in the dark waiting for the plane to come in he suddenly said, "I suppose really that this is a very demanding profession. I think one really has to want to do it very much to make it work . . I love it so much, as you know, that I wanted you to share it with me. But it is no good forcing you: I can see that it's ear to you: I can see that it's got to be something which is in you, and it is clearly not in you. Never mind." And that was all he ever said. A little later the plane arrived, a long lumber-ing corrugated iron cigar with wings. His photographer came

wings. His photographer came down the gangway, tie-less, dishevelled, clustring a small case and his camera. He was very distressed.

Driving through Strestham he suddenly said, "Christ! Oh Christ! They pulled this woman off and shoved me on. It was the last place, you see. She kept screaming and crying. I held the door against lar, they were all battering at the side of the damned thing, crying, begging. I'll never forget her, I'll never forget her, I'll never forgat her".

A profession, I thought miserably, that you really have to want to do to "make it work".

work."
It all stopped with Mr Chamberlain's piece of white paper, blowing in the wind, and "Peace In Our Time". Joy and relief were so gigantic that no one seemed to stop for a second to chief whose time he meant this or constitution. he meant, his, or ours. But it was enough.

Back went the rehearsals of Journey's End now even more potent with message. It was a potent with message. It was a tremendous success. The Hall was packed for three nights solid, and people came from as far afield as Lewes and Haywards Heath. The emotion among our audiences was tangible. My set (I had been allowed to design it) was highly accurate after my studies and my own performance was warmly received. Raleigh is a cinch anyway, but I didn't know that then.

I didn't know that then.

My wretched father, who detested anything which My wretched father, who detested anything which remotely reminded him of his own brutal war, was eventually dragged to see me on the final Saturday night. Sitting with my proud mother he was, he later said, very moved. Not unnaturally. But he still was not about to weaken completely out. about to weaken completely on his decision about my career. An actor's life was still not discussed.
"Was I really all right?" I asked my mother.

asked my mother.

"Yes really, you were very good indeed. I was proud."

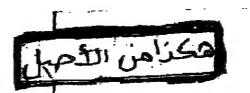
"But when I he that danned plate on the table and it flew into the audience..."

"That was when I knew you could be an actor, darling, you let it go as if you had meant it to go. No one moved in the audience, you know, no one at all. You had critically the move and made them feel that it was true, and not a mis-

it was true, and not a mis-"It really was all right?" "It really was all right?"

"That's what acting is all about", said my mother. "Convince yourself and convince them. Never one without the other." She was not entirely accurate, but near enough. And without quite knowing it. "Always Apolauded" was stirring it up with a vengeance.

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Knowing the value as well as the price



"The French Artist", a Cruikshank print of 1819. As he never went to Paris where did the idea come from?

ome people when they buy stiques or paintings know stilly what they are buying; sy may have been looking r some time to fill a precise ip in their collection. But leas about the exact nature of deir possessions; this may be in cause they were inherited from Aunt Maud or found in nummy's attic. Or else it may be more purposeful.

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There are collectors who buy primarily with their eye rather than their intellect, things which appeal to them aestherically but whose origin they can only vaguely guess. Others again delight in puzzles; it appeals to them to buy something out of the ordinary whose origin they can attempt to ferret out. Then there are those who like to take a financial gamble that they have spotted something out of the ordinary which will be worth a more once it is authenticated.

How to find out about your possessions is thus an import ant matter and many of the ong run it is best to do your wn research; since it is your wn possession you will be pre-pared to go into the matter note deeply than any expert ou may tap for advice. But bit of tapping can save you lot of time; commercial or nuseum experts can help very pecifically in four ways: By giving you a rough idea of what your object is, so that ou know where to start on

uoking it up.

By advising on the most uthoritative publications in the ield—they are often old and of print, thus difficult to ind in a general library. By suggesting museum collec-

ions that are particularly trong in the field and thus worth looking at for compari-4. By telling you which scholar or scholars are currently work-Of course, if it is a straight-

Of course, if it is a straight-in ward object you may not need all this advice. An expert night be able to tell you right way what you have got. So he question is where to find hose experts. In the commer-cial world, the best bets are sotheby's and Christie's. Any-one can take things in to them and an expert will do his best n say what it is and what it is worth; you are under no obliworth; you are under no obli-lation to sell it. It is worth-while for both houses to provide this service because in the long run it brings a lot of things in for sale. The quality of advice you receive is a matter of luck; some of their experts are very knowledgeable and others less so

and others less so.

The alternative is to turn to he museums. They will never uggest values but can be very relpful on identification. All he national collections, with he single rather surprising exception of the Tate, offer an pinion service to the general ublic. For the applied arts ou turn to the Victoria and Albert or the British Museum. in each case the opinion serice naturally reflects the sature of their own collection; is some overlapping hich may make a visit to both iesirable, but usually the most uitable of them is easy to

Victoria and Albert Museum pinions are given on Tues-lays and Thursdays from 2.30 o 4.30 pm. You can take the bject itself or a photograph (if t is too large) and the informaion desk at the front door will lirect you to the correct de-partment. The departments comprise: Architecture and culpture, Ceramics, Far culpture, Ceramics, Far astern (China, Japan, etc.), urniture and woodwork, ndien, Library, Metalwork, rints and drawings, Regional ervices, Textiles, Theatre, and

onservation. Ceramics and metalwork are masically European departments; you go to Far Eastern in Indian if you have oriental pieces. The Regional services teparament deals with all ventieth century items, what-ver the medium. The prints and drawings department is



come from?

the British Museum ethnographical collection and deals with all tribal art etc. It is open

for opinions from 10.0 am to

4.45 pm from Mondays to Fri-days and closed on Saturdays.

day. One, relatively junior, officer is available for this task

and it is underlined that he can

only deal with foreign schools up to about 1800. Furthermore

the gallery is very specific about what they can and cannot do: an opinion will be given on

the probable date and school of the painting (not the actual artist); the opinion must be

considered a personal one by

National Gallery one.

The reason for this hedging

The reason for this hedging is obvious, once one comes to think about it. The attribution of paintings is a matter which generates highly charged controversy between scholars; no single man can risk a firm attribution off the top of his head, let alone stake the gallery's reputation on it. In practice this is not important. Most people who own paintings of

people who own paintines of any significance know what they

have got; it is rare that any-

thing of interest is brought in to the gallery for an opinion. The advice usually boils down to whether it is worth saving

the picture from the dustbin or not, and whether to have it cleaned or restored—answer:

it depends whether it has any sentimental value to you, or

just occasionally, try it on Sotheby's and see if the restora-

tion would cost more or less than the picture is worth.

In spite of notices announcing that no opinion can be

given on the nineteenth century British school, this accounts for a large proportion of the pictures brought in.

The Tate Gallery's refusal to give opinions leaves a big gap on the picture front, since they

are in charge of the British collection and the Modern collection. In fact they make an exception for Turner, Blake

and Constable (for Constable

you can also go to the V & A).

It has also been pointed out to

me that if you write in, enclos-

an answer—but they may stop, now I have said it in print.

As far as the British portrait

British school where their collection is strongest; for foreign schools you would turn first to the British Museum, which also deals with English water-colours, drawings and prints. The V & A prints and drawings department also deals with portrait miniatures and may be able to help with oil paintings. It has a notable Constable col-lection and also a major collection of Victorian genre paint-

The library incorporates the nascent national photographic archive. Opinions on old photographs can be sought here but they like appointments to be made in advance. The library itself is open to the general public (no need for a reader's ticket, you just walk in and sign the book). It is the national are reference library and a very sign die 000k). It is die nadonal art reference library and a very good place for researching your possessious; there are cata-logues both by subject and author to help you find the right hook.

Rritish Museum Opinions are given in the student rooms of the various departments every afternoon from Monday to Friday (2.0-4.30, prints and drawings 2.15-4.0), but they like appointments to be made in advance so as to to be made in advance so as to ensure that the right expert is there on the day. This, of course, would also be a wise precaution at the V & A if you precaution at the V & A if you are travelling from far away. Some departments are also open from 10:0-12:30 on Saturday morning, as will be indicated below. The departments comprise: Coins and medals (from antiquity to the present day oninions on Saturday by day, opinions on Saturday by appointment only); Medieval and later antiquities (European applied arts, roughly from the close of the Roman empire to Victorian times but strongest on the early period. For later items it is probably best to start at the V & A. Closed Saturdays. Western Assatic antiquities (Syrian, Assyrian, Sumerian, etc. This department deals only in early civilizations, the cut-off in early civilizations, the cut-off point coming roughly with Alexander the Great Open on Saturday); Oriental antiquities (Chinese and Japanese ceramics,

Romano British antiquides (British artefacts from the beginning of time to the withdrawal of the Romans, including flints, rings, coins and the oddments that one might, if very lucky, find on a country walk. Closed Saturday); Greek and Roman antiquities (all the classical period, including the outposts of empire. Closed Saturday); Egyptian antiquities (up to Alexander's conquest. Open Saturday).

bronzes, paintings and prints from ore-history up to the nine-teenth century. There is again an ovenlap with the V & A who would probably be best for later items. (Open on Saturday) Prints and drawings (European from the twelfth or thirteenth century to the present day, open Saturday). Prehistoric and

school is concerned you can turn to the National Portrait Gallery. They provide opinions on Wednesday and Friday from which 230 to 430 pm. For the rest of the British school, there is really no alternative to "going period. commercial" and taking your pictures in to Sotheby's or Christie's. The one other possibility is the Witz Library at the Courtauld Institute. This possibly the most comprehensive photographic archive of

Witt, who stipulated in his will that it should be freely open to the general public. It is a use the staff will not only help you to look in the right place but also offer informal opinions on what they are shown.

This leaves the question of how far these opinions will get you. The answer seems to be, as I said at the beginning, that they will set you in the right direction and help you to look farther for yourself. Being the kind of person who accumulates miscellaneous items

that please the eye, I thought that I would try three of them out of the V & A last week. All three were fairly typical junk shop purchases.

I now know a little, but not

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ot, more about them The first was a white English pottery jug which I presumed to be mid-nineteenth century. The handle is moulded as greybound and the two sides of the jug have moulded decor-ation; ou one side a lion is attacking a stag on a nice grass mound, on the other hounds are had always vaguely thought that the decoration must have been influenced by either Stubbs or Barye. The V & A told me that the jug was Staffordshire and probably dated from around 1850; they also pointed out that jugs and beakers with greyhound handles were relatively common in saltdays and closed on Saturdays.

Advice on paintings is basically more difficult to come by than advice on objects. The National Gallery gives opinions on paintings from 2.30 to 5.0 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. glaze pottery (mine is in white pearlware). They shrug-ged off the idea of identifying the source of the design as impossible; such animal scenes had been part of European iconography since at least the sixteenth century. Stubbornly, I have decided that the design must reflect the influence of Barve, whose animalier bronzes were taking Europe by storm in the 1850s.

in the 1850s.

My second item was a Cruikshank print envitled "The French Artist". I had already decided that it was an early work, 1815 or so and that the artist was probably one of the group of David's pupils who were known as the Primitis: group of David's pupils who were known as the Primitifs; they were early Bohemians, going around in classical dress (imitating Greek vase paintings), flowing cloaks and long beards. The V & A looked up in the Cruiksbank catalogue raisonné of 1913 and established that the print dated from 1819; they also did not think he had

they also did not think he had ever been to France.

Most important was the information that William Feaver was writing a new book on Cruikshank which should he out any time now. With journalistic privilege I began to cut corprivilege I began to cut corners and rang up William Feaver who said that his book wouldn't be out for another year. He could not actually remember "The French Artist", but Cruikshank's series "Life in Paris", published in 1922, was rhought to be based on French topographical prints supplied by his publisher. I still think that publisher. I still think that "The French Artist" satirizes the French Primitifs.

In the Indian department, produced a brass frame with deuse repoussé decoration of foliage, lions, fish, peacocks, figures and a moon with a face. They dated it to the late nineteenth century, pointed out that the fish was the emblem of the ruling family of Lucknow and suggested that Benares was the main brass working centre within the orbit of Lucknow: but the frame remains a slight ing a photograph, rather than oddity calling, you will generally ger clear. oddity whose purpose is un-

I came away from my market research with two conclusions. One was that the V & A still tends to treat the nineteenth century as too recent to be a serious study area-an attitude which was universal 20 years ago but is becoming less valid as more work is done on the

The second was that, while work is done on the period. the opportunity to show your possessions to a scholar is of inestimable value, if you want to go farther than superficial identification you have to do the research yourself.

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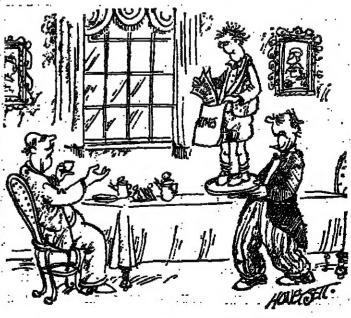
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(1936), with Laurel and Furdy.*
12.00, Boat Race in Grandstand.
12.10, Football Focus. 12.40, Boat
Race, Oxford v Cambridge. 1.35,
2.05, 2.35, Racing from Chepstow.
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Epec Competition. 2.55, Rugby
Scorland v Wales. 4.30, Ireland v
France, highlights. 4.45, Final
Score. 5.10, Pink Familier Show.
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5.05 News. 5.15 Muppet 5.45 The Challenge of the Sexes. 6.15 Celebrity Squares.

7.00 New Faces. 8.00 Rich Man, Poor Man. 9.45 Yes-Honestly.

10.15 News. 10.30 All You Need is Love. 11.30 The Collaborators (r). 12.25 am, Epilogue. (r) Repeat

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Radio

What a funny sound

Radio Britain will never do anything quite like Madeleine Louy's Forget Me Not! which won the Italia Prize production award for Radio France and was heard last Sunday on Radio 3—by which I do not mean to be one half as derogatory as that may souned. We simply do not have the items in our cultural baggage to make it possible: a convention of grandiloquent classical acting, for example; an attachment to the more self-indulgent mode of high romanticism; a weakness for the phrase of cosmic significance—aptly named because it so often proves on examination to be rather like the cosmos itself: dark and empty. These anyway were the elements in this "entertaining Amarabella spend a single night of eccasey—to a backgraund of Wagner—before the latter's husband returns. Kapriel brings events to a conclusion by hurling a rock into the path of his loved-one's car and in the ensuing explosion all three members of the triangle perish—as does the entirely unoffending chauffsur.

Most obviously, there were some nice verbal jokes: Kapriel selecting a suitable boulder, respects one on the grounds that it is rather light, despite its perfection from the aesthetic point of the activated was a his and learns more of the attitudes and the behaviour which accompanied them, one attitudes and the behaviour which accompanied them, one first his Aftenson Theatre play, Honour's for the Birds should coincide with the arrest of five young Englishmen, nabbed for spotting planes in Greece. The offender here happened to be a birdwarther with the attranced with care and with car

The invention was mensing too: waiting for the motor car to pass, Kapriel goes off into a series of fantacies: Amarabella is widowed and all ends well; her husband realizes his complete unworthiness to be wed to such a woman, etc, etc. The setting is a spa called Wasser-Wasser which did not always seem to me a thousand miles from Marienbad.

However, as Hallam Tenny-son in his introduction pointed

out, what really distinguished

the whole production was its

extraordinary brilliance, its wit in the use of sound. Taking the waters at Wasser-Wasser is conjured up in a splashy, drippy, hollow sequence; the hotel restaurant receives a different, but equally appropriate treatment—a noisy silence with a sepulchral waiter intoning the word "Carottes". As for the car crash, that is the mother and father of them all, the sound arranged so as to create the idea of a cates rophe both cosmic and without significance. But nothing surpassed the coneption and realization of what I suppose must be called the chorus. This, as the title sug-gests, is a bank of forget-menots who wimess, and are in-deed much rolled on in the course of, the whole affair. At course of, the whole affair. At every moment they keep on piping up in squeaky voice. like a regiment of small demented dolls, utterly deliating, and when all the anguish and grandiloqueace is over, there they are, bedragzled and resentful in a basket in the market offered cheap English market, offered cheap. English does have one advantage in the double meaning of forget-menor. The French must make shift with Ne m'oublie pas I for the title and—gracious!—
myosotis for the flower. But I think the producers of Padio I think the producers of Radio Britain could take more advantage still by listening to this as

happened to be a birdwatcher who had strayed with camera and fieldglasses into a prohipeople's tyranny and he could hardly have been more topical the Greeks? Certainly he con-rived to make the point clearly and with conviction that if you fall into such circumstances. you enter the land of the insane where, for example, authority is incapable of error and cannot therefore drop a charge once made for that would be admission of mistake.

I have been listening to various series and other things which appear with regularity: the Radio 3/4 Tuesday evening concert intervals on March 19 and April 12 feature The Tra-veller's Oracle, a splendid mish-mash of advice to early mineteenth century tourists by one William Kitchener, MD; Alastair Cooke's Jammen (Radio 3, Sundays around hunchtime) is of the standard you would expect. On Radio London, Weakly Echo (Mondays) has Tom Vernon commenting "what the papers say" fushion on the London local press: a touch of the Everetts in the use of sound effect, doesn't really conceal the fact that the locals don't say much and I wouldn't back even Inglis or Robinson (R) to keep going for five minutes what Mr Ver non tries to sustain for twenty. Having seen Man Alive on alternative medicine, may I offer the topic to Redio 4? Why don't you mention it to Tony van den Bergh? He'd never make the awful bloody hash they made of it at Shepherd's Bush.

David Wade Music and the Brain, discussed in Music Nam and by David Wade, is edited by Macdonald Critchley and R. A. Henson (Weingers Medical, £11.50).

Sunday

The Best in View (BBC1 10.45) previews Thursday's royal film and television awards ceremony with snippets of the short-listed programmes, A New Leaf (BBC1 8.10) finds ace actor-comedian Walter Matthau in a witty comedy, Fritz Lang's 50-year-old science-fiction classic Metropolis (BBC2 10.5) still chills, and Eyewitness (ITV 7.55) is an exciting 1971 thriller starring Lionel Jeffries.—T.S.

BBC 1
9.00 am, Nzi Zindagi Nzya Jeevan.
9.30. Ragpuss. 9.45-10.10, Let's
Celebrate. 10.35, Zerabanda. 11.0011.25, Wordpower. 11.50-12.10 pm,
Sunday Worship. 12.35, The 60 70
80 Show. 1.00, Farming. 1.25,
Other People's Children. 1.36, An
ABC of Music. 1.50, News Headlines. 1.55, Film. Humoresque
(1946), with John Crawford, John
Garfield, Oscar Levant.* 3.55,
Eurovision Song Contrest Preview.
4.25, Daffy Duck. 4.30, Young
Scientists of the Year. 5.00, Go
With Noakes. 5.25, Rob Roy.
5.55 News.
6.05 On The Move.
6.15 It's My Belief.
6.45 Appeal, St Ann's Hospice,
Manchester.
6.50 Songs of Praise.

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Wings.
Film. A New Leaf (1971),
with Walter Matthau,
Elaine May.
Nows. 9.50 News. 19.05 That's Life. 10.45 The Best in View, 1976 Bri-

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News Review.
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Variations on a theme of Worship 16.65-12.10 am, Film: Metropolis (1926), with Alfred Abel. Gustav Frhiich, Rudolf

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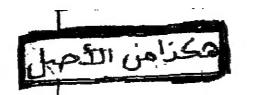
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SCOTLAND'S NUMBER ONE SCOTCH WHISKY



"Were Hitler alive today, I like to think he'd be on tour

with an American musical ":

thus John Schlesinger, reflect-

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ing on one of his rare thearrical disasters, an American musical called *I and Albert* which staggered through the West End in the winter of

1972. Aside from that one com-

mercial mistake, all his theatri-

cal ventures have been at the subsidized behest of Peter Hall, for whom Schlesinger

first directed at the Aldwych in 1964 and for whom he is

now (as an associate director of the National) staging Julius Caesar which opens at the Olivier on Tuesday with John Gielgud in the thile role, Ronald Pickup as Cassius, Brian Cox as Brutus and Mark

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about five lines in a produc-tion by Hall of Mourning Becomes Electra at the Arts:
"I had to be at the theatre

by five to nine each evening and I was out again by five past, so I had a lot of spare time and used it to shoot a film called The Starfish which

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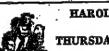
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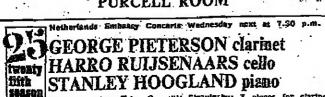
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Sunday 20 March 3 p.m.	DANIEL WAYENBERG Plane Recital, Lists Sonata in B minor; Rathmaniaov Five Preludes; Stockhausan Klavierstöcke, Ros. 7 and 8: Stravinsky Three movements from Petrushka. pi po 27 60 2, 20, 80.
Sunday 20 March 7.1\$ p.m.	HDEKO UDAGAWA (violin), Germain Bésus (piano) Geminiani Sonata in A: Brahms Sonata in A, Oo. 100; Sech Partita No. 2 in D, minor for solo violin; Pagasiai Caprices; Prokenev Sonata No. 2 in D, Op. 94s. 21.60. 21.40. 21.50, 95s., 75p.
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John Schlesinger: always stagestruck

those, called Black Legend, own short films for such BBC was seen by Dilys Powell who gave it such a good notice that Schlesinger was sent for by Michael Balcon, then head of production at Ealing:

"He said if anyone could make a film for £200 and get that much space from Dilys Powell the film bad to be worth seeing, so he summoned all his leading executives and we cho was to the the seeing of and the other man in the cinema said Well, I suppose someone had fun making Schlesinger's early career in. both theatre and cinema was we showed it to them. After-wards they just sort of sat-there in stunned silence and a few days later I had a note something less than immediately triumphant: the eldest of five children of a Berkshire doctor, he survived Uppingham and Balliol before going out to the Far East as a Royal from Sir Michael saying it was an interesting amateur film. I don't know quite what he'd Engineer and ending up in the CSE concert parties which been expecting: I'd been expecting a job."
It did not come, and Schleshave now been made famous or at any rate notorious by Peter Nichols in Privates on

Parade:
"I did conjuring tricks, though I've looked carefully at the character who does that in Peter's play at the Aldwych and I don't think he's supposed to be me. But I was always stagestruck: I used to sit in the gallery of the Palace in Manchester and write down Leslie Henson revue sketches as he was playing them; then I'd meer up with friends in the ABC tea shop across the road and we'd rehearse the amateur version. One day Richard Johnson came in because he was carrying a spear in the Olivier/Richardson company which had just opened in Manchester on its way to the Vic; another time I stood at the back of the dress circle there to see the Gielgud Macbeth. Curious that we should all end up here: I suppose that's the good thing about success—it lets you work with the people

you most admire."

At Oxford Schlesinger from bit-parts as merry minappeared with Typen in Sandy and appalling performances as eight full-length feature films wilson revues and made hunchbacks in Roger Moore of which I put it to him that serials, Schlesinger graduated the three most commercially to The Battle of the River successful (Darling, Midnight Cowboy and Marathon Man)

operations as Tonight and

idea how long ago it all was; the BBC 'let me go' after a year because they said I was too slow as a director and that it was foolish of me to want to-cut and dub my own work when they had staff editors who could do that better. But: Wheldon was very good to me (Tve always been lucky with producers) and he let me-make the circus film which opened Monitor. Then I went off to direct bits and pieces of The Four Just Men and ended inger went off into Rep playing a messenger in Julius Caesar at Colchester—the last time, incidentally, that he had seen the play until National rehearsals began in January. up in Rome doing Vittorio de Sica's linking material: ladies in Mercedes would drive up to collect him at lunch-time and suddenly it was a different world, but I did at least learn how to cope with actors and large commercial television units—the BBC had all been very small and cosy. Then 1 wrote and researched an enth-Lacking the resources to make other films, be continued to get acting work usually playing spies on account of his Ger man-sounding name:

"I could do quite good imitations of Anton Walbrook, and on the strength of those ralling documentary about British cheese, and got a job from Jack Le Vien interviewing and Roy Boulting gave me a good film part, only it was in Malta filming World War Two gen-erals for his Churchill series and I kept having to phone my The Valiant Years. I got £75 a grandmother from there to ask her how I should pronounce. German words. But Boulting week for that, though my father said I should have done

it free for the privilege of meeting men like Montgomery. They were all marvellously bitchy about each other and I kept feeling like an ADC."

From there it was bur a a little money on the side he said 'Those are the work of a frustrated film-maker' and short step to British Transport Films and Terminus, the rail-way-station documentary that from then on he let me watch him all the time he was directmade Schlesinger's name as a

were actually the three into which he'd put the least time and energy: "Not strictly true, although

I do seem to have spent, an awful lot of my life on projects like Far from the Madding Crowd and Day of the Locust then there were three years spent trying to set up the film of Hadrian VII which in the end came to nothing It's very rare now to find a film which doesn't take at least two years of your life; my next (and original screen play by Colin Welland called Yanks about an English girl and an American servicemen in the last war) won't go into production until 1978, though the meantime there's a

chance of Cat on a Hot Tin Roof here at the National with Diana Rigg." Schlesinger, like most film directors, is only as good in Hollywood eyes as his last commercial success:

commercial success:

"After money-makers like Midnight Cowboy or Marathon Man I'm considered a good boy and can do more or less what I like; after Sunday Bloody Sunday or Day of the Locust it's a good deal harder, though Paramount did once give me a rent-free office for a while. Admittedly it had no Monitor:

"Jack Gold was my film: while. Admittedly it had no windows, but they allowed me cutter there, and after I left: to stick things on the wall which I thought might be a me, so that gives you some: idea how long ago it all was: who's the head of production the BBC that me go." after a who's the head of production there was very good to me when we opened Day of the Locust at the Cames Festival and had a terrible, restless, coughing premiere audience. He leant across and said 'Who needs this?' and the two of us walked out and had a marvel lous lobster for dinner and he said (Whatever happens here, you've made the film you wanted to make; now forget it and get on with Marahon

"Al Pacino turned that one down and we had a hard time convincing Hoffman he was the right age for it; then we had all the worry over whether or not Olivier could be insured for the film because he'd been so ill; but when ther insurance came through and he started to work, the great joy of Marathon Man for me was seeing him every day getting vis-

There's nothing quite like watching a great actor at work: I can see it now with Glelgud in Julius Caesar, with a cast most of whom are baif his age: mind you, there's a lot more discussion in the theatre. Occasionally I wake up in the night and wonder what In the ragin and wonder while I'm doing up here on Beachy Head risking my neck again, but there's no point in just directing the safe projects. Still, I'm already nostalgic for the cinema, even after only a few months away: I love the scissors and the silent curting room and the final control which can never be the direc-tor's in a theatre."

Sheridan Morley

An opera of humanity and charm

was very good to me and when I showed him some stills I'd

been taking of actors to make

Capriccio BBC 2/Radio 3 (tonight)

Michael Ratcliffe

Southern Television enjoys first pick of each Glyndebourne sezson and the BBC, returning to Sussex after a gap of some years, must hardly have been able to believe its luck when Southern passed up Strauss's great conversation-piece last summer in favour of Verdi's Falstaff. Not that Capriccio is a work of such genius, but it is, with its finely worked texis, with its finely worked tex-ture and intimate virtuosity (one set, no chorus), uniquely suited to the small screen. Indeed, it is the opera of talking heads, and what the heads talk, or rather sing, about is of much greater dramade interest than the superficially prominent matter of words and music with which most com-mentators have been con-cerned: it is a parable of human interdependence, a dialogue on the absolute need for harmony. It is about loving, living, talent, responsibility and

Those who complain that "nothing happens" in Capriccio should watch and rather than opera—that in a live performance we are in danger of losing some of it altogether. But the camera misses nothing and this being Strauss, the orchestra tells all. Andrew Davis conducts a translucent and clear-headed account of the score, controlling the mercurial narrative firmly from the pit and giving marvellous support to a company of singing actors surely second to none in the world today. Bergman's Magic Flute aport, this is by far the most effective operatic. performance I have ever seen

By liberating Capriccio from its silver-gilt Rococo artificialities and placing it boldly in the impulsive and sentimental world of the 1920s. John Cox released all the work's humanity and charm, and John Vernon has filmed Cox's production in a manner that does full justice a manner that does full justice to its inventiveness, sympathy and wit. There are so many good things that it is hard to know where to begin, except perhaps at the beginning where, to accompany the 149-bar in-strumental introduction and Sextet, Mr Vernon and his executive producer Humphrey

the Organ Room at Glynde-bourne (where else?) the Countess and her brother watch the musicians rehearse the Introduction for her birthday the next day—she rapt by the music, the Count quizzically distracted by thoughts of the actress Clairon. Mellowing sunlight falls on the carpet at the players' feet. Over the credits we have already seen some of Martin Battersby's Art Deco objects to greater effect than possible on stage, and the Lalique glass (if that is what it is) suggests with remarkable somess the line to proceed the content of the content apmess the line, tone-colour and craftsmanship of Strauss's music in old age. Flamand, Olivier and La

Roche are now seen waiting for the music to finish, in the next room; they are captioned with from; mey are captioned with brevity and gentle wir (by Gillian Widdicombe, who also does the excellent sub-titles) for their roles in the dialogue to come. Finally, down the drive to the house roar the Italian singers in a large limousine, narrowly missing the antique promoter Monsians. antique prompter Monsieur Taupe, who is, naturally, arriv-ing on foot (from the station?). The singers are swept indoors and the exhausted prompter

listen carefully tonight: the Burton have had to invent sinks to a warm bench in the truth is that so much happens, and so fast—with the dynamic lightness of cinema, almost, the Organ Room at Glynde.

Burton have had to invent sinks to a warm bench in the something of their own.

Sum and, beneath one, of Mr Christie's benign wistarias, blissfully sleeps. We return to the sun and, beneath one of Mr Christie's benign wistarias, bliss-fully sleeps. We return to the musicians and their dreaming patrons, then to the three competing men; the Introduction ends and the opera begins. It is

perfect.
The crowning glory of this Capriccio, on television as on stage, is Elisabeth Söderström's Countess, an inexhausfible em-bodiment of words and music. the Goddess of Harmony, as Clairon says, herself; in geniality and passion she is equal-led by Marius Rintzler's magnificent La Roche. I could mention every member of the cast since they are all good and some (Hakan Hagegard's Count) are marvellous, but they have all been acclaimed on these pages before, so I will add only pages before, so I will add only one who tends to get forgotten because she does not sing. Transforming the kleines Mādchen aus der Pikardis into a spinning sugar-pink bitch from the Ballets Russes was one of Mr Cox's most delicious inventions and, aided by Pauline Grant's idiotically grand and anti-social choreography. Carol anti-social choreography, Carol Grant seizes the opportunity to give a very funny performance indeed. And even she takes her place in the quite exceptional harmony of the whole.

Reluctant subject

The Book Programme BBC2

Stanley Reynolds

Samuel Beckett flatly refuses to belittle his work by discussing it on relevision. The insult is not aimed at television; it is directed at char Vladimir Nabokov who is, I think, the greatest living writer of our language, has stooped only twice to chatting on television. The first time was almost a decade ago with the late James Mossman and the second time was on Thursday with Robert Robinson on BBC2's The Book Programme. The rub in both interviews was that Mr Nabokov will not chat; he demands that the onestions be submitted beforehand. This is not all that eccentric.

Why should not the great man ask the video staff to oblige?

The eccentricity comes because son, who Mr Nabokov then reads out the answers to the questions; he reads them off little post-cards. It makes for a quirky interview. The Book Programme attempted to get around this stiffness by having

love; but in the end it was Robert Robinson's charm that made the day or at least the minutes between 8.5 and 8.30 lest evening.

Mr Robinson, accustomed as he is to authors who would dress down to their underwear and blow bugles in order to get a look in on his programme, was obviously be mused by such a reluctant subject. Still, he managed somehow to make the great man unbend a triffe. His opening unbend a trifle. His opening question was about the proper way to pronounce Nabokov. Mr Nabokov answered this in a jolly, almost off-hand manner, for someone reading off cards, saying that when he was keep-ing goal for the university side Cambridge he was known as McNab. His reasons, he said, for his shyness about interviews was that he thought like a genius, wrote like a distin-guished author, but spoke like

I felt sorry for Robert Robin-son, who seems to be single-handedly carrying the banner of literature on television these days. If only Mr Nabokov had granted a proper interview we might have had such a good time. But then again, would the BBC have granted the time that such a perfect writer as Mr the author speak over pictures such a perfect writer as Mr of Pushkin, his great literary Nabokov and such a perfect love; of Mr Nabokov chasing reader as Mr Robinson butterflies, his great scientific deserve?

Later Liszt

Roger Woodward Queen Elizabeth Hall

Joan Chissell

was in dark, stark pieces of Liszt's last years, not least in "La Lugubre Gondola II", inspired by a Venetian gondola funeral procession in 1882, and the sinister "Unstern I" of 1883. Even if he overforced the early recitative in the first and rose too soon and quickly to the climax of the other, he was still remarkably successful in creating and sustaining a mood of strange foreboding as well as leaving us in no doubt of the strange new harmonic worlds

telle's curious, unresolved ending allowed Mr Woodward to run the two together like different movements of the

Roger Woodward's piano recital on Thursday was devoted to Liszt. With pieces like the Dante Sonata and "Funcrailles" in the programme, he could hardly be accused of ignoring the composer we all know. Yet it was the attention he focused on less familiar, later works that made it an occasion to remember. His most gripping playing

Liszt had started to explore.

The "Bagatelle sans Tonalite" or "Mephisto Waltz IV",
written only a year before the
composer's death, continue
those explorations more capriciously and wildly: the Baga-

same work.

Still more of a rarity, though dating from less recondite Weimar years, was the Schierzo and March of 1851. All praise to Mr Woodward for unearth-ing so startlingly brilliant an effusion, even if its contrived patternings often brought Alkan to mind. From that middle period Mr Woodward also selected the exuberant Polonaise No 2 in E as well as Funerailles", playing them all with enough ardour and dedication to make it easy to

forgive moments of inaccuracy and strain; but not his over-pedalling, or the painfully pedalling, or the painfully metallic quality of his laud The quality of sound he tirew

from the keyboard was in fact the great disappointment of the recital. When reverting to the familiar keyboard wizard of "Les Jeux d'Eaux a la Villa d'Este" after the interval he tried to make amends. But there was insufficient glow to his pianissimo in "Sposalizio", and in the Dante Sonata he had too little to offer between the withdrawn whisper and climaxes more like noise than music. That was a pity, for he felt the drama.

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Gardening

A very dry subject

There is no law against our ing enough to believe that there

Ah, but, you may say, the powers that be are now saying that the reserves of water are so high that even if we have a dry summer there will be no need for water rationing. I seem to have heard these tales most critical periods of growth.

seem to have heard these tales before—many times before. It all depends on what they mean by rationing. The water wallahs would presumably not include the prohibition of garden watering or washing cars under "rationing".

ung from water shortage at their most critical periods of growth. We normally do not apply whatever mulching material we use—straw, sawdust, briak compost, peat, spent hops, mushroom compost, plastic sheeting or whatever, until the "rationing". compost, peat, spent hops, mushroom compost, plastic sheeting or whatever, until the soil has warmed up in late April or May, because these mulches

slow down the warming process. There is no law against our having three bot dry summers in a row, and while I never pretend to forecast the weather, I would suggest that we reflect for a moment on what happened last year and what steps we could take to offset the consequences of yet another dry summer.

Ah, but, you may say, the powers that be are now saying that the reserves of water are so high that even if we have a dry summer there will be no need for water rationing. I in genough to believe that there is no danger of garden watering had warmed up it had become than I am if we have a few weeks of drought, think for a moment on what happened last year and what steps we could take to offset the consequences of yet another dry summer. So what lessons from 1976 can we remember and put into practice this year? As I have so often pointed out, avoidance is the key—preventing the soil that even if we have a few weeks of drought, think for a moment on what happened last year and what steps we remember and put into practice this year? As I have so often pointed out, avoidance is the key—preventing the soil title later I will not worry.

Many people last year did not think of buying hosepipes or sprinklers until the crops were wilting, and by that time water-ing from water shortage at their

wilting and by that time water-ing restrictions were in force. If you take your gardening seriously check that you have adequate equipment to apply water easily and quickly, and be prepared to apply it well before plants suffer from water stress. the weather requires it, offer in due course sugges-

on our crops.
Maybe you installed some form of water storage—a plas-tic lined pool or reservoir which is filled by rainwater conducted from the roof. Or maybe you bought one or two plastic water butts. Maybe it would be a good idea to buy one or two more or, if you meant to last year but did not, invest in one or two

Every year sees the introduc-tion of new chemicals for the tion of new chemicals for the garden, and the choice is really bewildering. Fisons have begun a programme aimed at making it easier for the gardener to choose chemicals for his vari-ous purposes by introducing this year seven products under the trade name of Combat. They propose to add further products to this range in due course. At

are: a general garden insecticide, a vegetable and fruit insacticide, a white-fly insecticide, a rose fungicide, a soil insecticide slug pellers, and a path weedkiller. These pro-

a path weedkiller. These products should solve many of the gardener's problems.

The British Agrochemicals Association has just produced a new edition of the Directory of Garden Chemicals. This is a most helpful publication. It helps us to find our way around the 200 or more garden chemicals now available. It lists these turers. The common chemical names are cross referenced to the product trade names, and product trade names, and product trade names, and product trade names, and product trade names gar.

The spring products all the product and winter rains ducts manufactured by member firms of the BAA and included in this booklet have been Now while earthworms probably do good by their tunnelling in and thus aerating the scheme. The booklet also gives useful information about the weighed by their nuisance value and this view is upheld by the turf specialists.

Any aerating they do we can do with modern spiking tools. Worm casts often contain weed the product trade names, and product trade names, and product trade names, and product trade names gar.

We all took a little comfort

deners will know which pro- last sutumn from the virtual large earthworm absence of worm casts on our deteriorate over the years, they The lists of products are sub-divided into herbicides, herbi-cide/fertilizer mixtures, insecti-cides, fungicides, and other pesticide products. All the pro-cessive autumn and winter rains were operating farther down autumn and winter, and the than usual because the soil was surface becomes trueven for mowing.

become squelchy and muddy in

At this time, after all our vicissitudes of the weather in the past 12 months, I would suggest that it would be wise to apply a moss killer now if moss is a problem, and a worm killer . as well if worms are present in large numbers. Then apply your favourite lawn fertilizer, preferably in two doses after a four week interval. Leave the lawn weeds for another six or eight weeks. Selective weed-killers work much better when

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Roses respond well to it both as a soil and foliar feed, but foliar feed, but foliar feed, but foliar feeding should cease when the plants begin to flower. Vegetables—tomatoes, marrows, beans particularly—and fruits thrive on it, and it is recommended by 20 specialist horicultural societies, including those devoted to dahlias, geraniums, carnations, begonias, fuchsias, delphiniums, sweet peas, saintpaulias, house plants, peas, saintpaulias, house plants, carti and vegetables.

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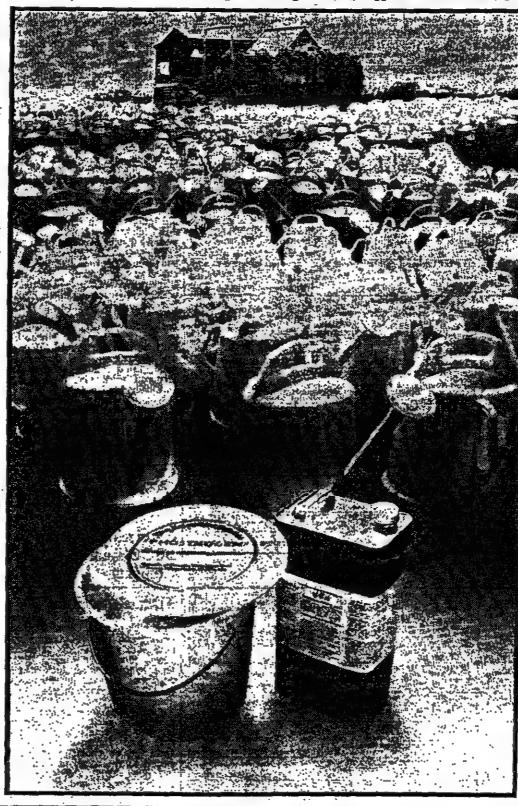
gardens. As the weed seeds germinate the seedlings are that it only keeps clean ground weed-free, but it does this for about two months. Sometimes, when we have been a bit careless about watering the solution on the ground among plants, on the ground among plants, some of it has fallen on young tender shoots of perennials, and the tips of new shoots have been a little browned, but no serious damage has been caused. It is advised to avoid spraying or watering the fluid

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Bridge.

What is good bridge?

Until a letter reached me a few weeks ago I had not grasped the extent to which Bridge had changed from a speculative to a mathematical game. My correspondent had placed his trust in point-count bidding which he interpreted to the best of his ability and he asked two questions: should be have surrendered a trick on the chance of establishing his sait and breaking the contract? Could he afford to make an announced weak jump overcall with a hand as strong as **♠ A K J 10 9 4 ♥ 8 7 ♦ 9 2** A 10 6? It occurred in his weekly duplicate and was the only deal in which he had obtained a "top". I am giving all the hands and bidding because they not only highlight a frequent mistake when partners who are not in the day. ners who are not in time do not distinguish between encouraging and negative bids, but expose also the difference between duplicate and rubber bidge.

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There is no excuse for East's

tract? This is surely one of those

situations where you do not give away a trick on the remote give away a trick on the remote chance that partner may be on lead until you have seen dumany. The sight of seven tricks on the table (assuming that the diamonds mature) should be enough for most defenders to statch what they can, winning the first spade and switching to a club, dummy's weakest suit. From his doubleton diamond South can assume that the declarer is unlikely to have fewer than two of his partner's suit and that it is a case of same qui pour.

The merit, or absence of it, in bidding Two Spades over One Diamond when you have arranged to make weak Two bids in the majors and weak Jump-overtalls seems to me to be academic, even if uncertainty prompted my correspondent to ask what is good bridge. I am tempted to advise him to forget all the

game in No trumps since he was providing seven potential tricks, unless his second bid tricks, unless his second bid was to be treated as forcing to game. It is impossible to vote more study to card-play. I find the game most exhilarating when high cards are evenly divided and bidding is competitive, when few conventions are employed, and when risks taken in bidding are justified by the player's skill in play. I am sorry to conclude from the hope that his partner may be able to put him on play, or should he deprive the declarer of a possible overtrick by making a neutral lead and not antempting to break the contract? many different partners, and of ensuring that his skill in card-play was at least equal to his bidding.

So many enthusiasts imagine that they, become stronger by mastering new conventions that it may be instructive to illustrate a popular convention of 20 years ago which is now moribund.

Two Swedes named Kock and Werner were several times European champions and gave their name in a Redouble their name in a Redouble which conveyed precisely the opposite of its usual meaning. The Kock-Werner redouble expressed utter dissatisfaction with partner's bid and was an absolute demand for another contract. The convention had every sign of being a clever bidding manoeuvre, because an over-bid could be introduced lightly and when it was doubled a clarion call for rescue would often deprive opponents of their best possible score. This is how it worked. North South game; dealer

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Kock-Werner redouble advertised an acute shortage in clubs; so East led the \$2. West ruifed returned a diamond and obtained another ruif before the defenders cashed their two aces. At another table North found a way of combaring the convention by opening One No Trump and concerling where his strength isy. The bidding was then

East-West were unable to defend in a red suit because neither dared to guess at the four level the extent of his partner's strength and North made game with ease. The defence at favourable vulnerability would have been more effective if West had rescued into Iwo Hearts.

The convention, which was not much used at rubber bridge, died when it was overtaken by the "negative" double where the double of an overcall in a suit is used for a

Italy has had no great player. Italy as a world chess-power. In the 18th century it produced a chess genius-Philidor-und France continued to lead Europe, which was then, as far known world, with such players as Deschapelles and La Bour-

to produce a single great player or even a real master player. There is scope here for what one might call a social chess historian, and I offer this

theme, gratis and without malice aforethought, to any aspiring student as a thesis for his PhD. Perhaps I have already, been forestalled in Russia or America. But in any case :I should warn the said incipient doctor that the assembling of the necessary data is a much easier enterprise than the evolution of an answer that meets all cases satisfactorily.

For example, take the case of Wales which has competed in the past three Olympiads. The Edward Mayer first was at Skopje in 1972

Chess

What is a superpower?

bottom of the table in Olym- the top two boards where Wilpiads and as to why, in the liams scored 58.8 per cent and first category, chess is a populer game played by practically everybody, whereas the countries in the second category ace at Nice where its team accomchess deserts, has always in- plished a small miracle in trigued me. Some obvious answers come to mind, but on section and had the excellent consideration these answers, final result of 16 out of 74 however simple and straight teams. Again the top two forward, only fit certain in- boards, Williams and Hutch. stances and none have a

universal application. The great chess powers of nobly with 44.4 per cent and the USSR and the USA can be simply attributed to their vast population. Where the numbers are great there, too, the chess players are great. But how then can one explain the undoubted fact that Yugoslavia and Hungary, both countries with a population much smaller than the USSR and the USA, have produced a large number of great players and, proportionately to their size, have more chess players than the first two. The paradox is even more striking when one considers how many great tournaments and chess events Yugosiavia and Hungary have

held and how comparatively few the USA have organized. Then, too, why is it that some smell countries produce, out of wrong with the text-move it thin air as it were, a very would have been more elastic great player whose fame is to have played 7 Q-B2, retainjust as immortal as that of the

Morphys and the Fischers of America and the Tschigorine and Botvinniks of Russia? Cuba produces a Capablanca, Denmark a Bent Larsen, and Esthonia, in the days when it was an independent country, a Equally puzzling is the fact purposeful. He should have

that a country may, at one point in its history, be the dominant chess country in the world and produce players of world class, and then, with surprising suddenness, lapse into insignificance. Spain, the cradle of chess in Europe, possessed in Ruy Lopez in the sixteenth century a player whom we would nowadays call a world champion. But very soon this predominance passed to Italy and in the past 300 years Spain has failed to produce a really great player, This is even more astonishing when one realizes that the playing of chess has always been popular in Spain and that in this century at any rate it has held a vast number of great international muruaments.

Nor has Italy fared better. Probably under the influence of the Renaissance, it had a succession of great players in . the sixteenth and early seventeentit centuries: Leonardo, Goi, Salvio and Greco made finly much the greatest chessplaying country of that period. But in the eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth centuries It was France that succeeded

as chess is concerned, the donnais. The decline was swift. After Saint-Amant's defeat by Staunton in 1843 France failed

One way of setting about it so as to confine the problem to a smaller and more limited space of time would be to consider the performances of national teams in chess Olympiads.

The question as to why some where Wales came 43rd out of countries excel at chess and 62 teams. A reasonable start others always end at the and very creditable as regards

> Hotchings 526 per cent. Two years passed and Wales competed in the bigger event qualifying for the top final ings, each of whom played no less than 18 games, performed

47.22 per cent. . In the most recent event. Haifa in 1976, Wales came equal 11th to 19th out of 48. This, though not so good as the Nice showing, was still a good performance.

What does this prove? Is it chance or a renaissance of chess in Wales? That I leave to our worthy future doctor.

Meanwhile here is the fine game which Williams won at Haifa against the strong Belgian player, Beyen.

White: R. Beyen; Black: A Williams : Catalan System.

Though there is nothing

ing the option of developing the QK; on B3 or Q2. 7 P-KI3 B-KI2 P-B4 Unnecessary; correct was

10 BPxP, and if 10 . . . KtPxP; 11 R-B1 10 . . R-BI This too is not particularly

played 11 R-BL 12 KIPXP CPXP. A weak move; natural and correct was 12 KtxP, and if then 12 . . . P-Kt4: 13 Kt(B4)-

· 15 Oxe (Kt4) Exe 13 PEP B.KIS 14 Q-KIS QB:KI

Position after 16.., P-QKt4



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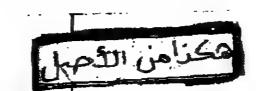
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17 P.95 Sign 17 (#83 If 19 KtsP, Kt-Q4; 20 Q-Kt3, Kt-B4; 21 'Q-QI, Kt-Q6'; when 22 QxKt, loses to 22 . . . Kr-E5 ch. Or if 19 RxP, Kr.Q4; 20 Q-Q6, Kr.B4; 21 QxQ, KRxQ; 22 R moves, P-B6.

Threatening R-Kt7 so. White has to protect his KB2 once White resigns, since if 33 RxP,

Harry Golombek





* A, was lucky enough to be ing in a private château on nother side of the lake from called St Gilles—a fairyets. Built by the Marques de ens in 1880, it was sold in 6 to M Bocqueraz, founder the Banque de France à mérique, San Francisco, and now owned by his grandighter. Mrs Suzanne Lemn, who had rented it to herican friends of mine who IPERPOWN and who had rented it was the rented of mine who old posters in New York. stayed there for one week lier last year and for three ks in the summer, and with car and motor-boat at my posal had ample chance to lore the lake and the rounding countryside ne-Savoie. A privileged oduction to this lovely a perhaps: but all the ces mentioned in this icle can be visited just as veniently from Aix. Because

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our nearest neighbours, out a mile along the west ik from St Giles along the isins, the Chiron family, who e in a fascinating little house de up of relics of one of the vilious in the Paris; 1925, ribition: wronght-iron bani-rs decorated with stylized roses, cubist-inspired ined glass, and even espagnotreme moderne style. M awing made for his father. id a contemporary photophic study of the orginal 325 pavillon from which so

es not just a tourist, I was a to learn things from the iteau servants and from our

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accountements were Less than a mile beyond the avillon house is the most forious building on the lake-ne Abbey of Hautecombe.

Lac du Bourget is the buttresses; but when you ge closer, you realize the building basically a beautiful fraud. could hardly be otherwise. Whenever you see a monastery in England or France, you can be pretty sure that most of it is restored. Henry VIII saw to ours, and the French Revo-lution fixed theirs. The only surviving part of the original twelfth-century Benedictine monastery at Hautecombe is a granary down by the landingstage, on which someone marked the high level to which flood waters rose Presumably the local enragés thought a granary

secular and useful enough to be spared. Another fragment of early buildings is the fifteenth-century alms gate where the main road ends. The present monastery is mainly the result of two heavy restora-tions, one in the middle of the eighteenth certury, the other, after the Revolution, in 1826.

Charles-Félix, king of Sar-dinia, who initiated the 1826 restoration, wanted to turn the abbey into a sort of memorial to the ancient house of Savoy. The task was directed by an Italian—the Piedmontese architect Melano—at the height of the Romantic period, from 1826 to 1843. If you take the guided tour of the abbey, which is with long white radio receivers, doled out like holy candles by a monk at the entrance, you will see many weak pastiches of medieval sculpture; but also the magnificent statue of Queen Marie-Christine by Giovanni Albertoni of Turin, executed between 1849 and 1857. Marie-Christine of Bourbon, daughter of the king of Naples, Ferdinand IV, and sister-in-law of Louis-Philippe, king of France, married Charles-Félix of Sardinia, of whom there is also a statue in the abbey, by Cocciatori of Carrara, a pupil

of Canora. As I was staying on the Hautecombe side of the lake, I took the 11.30 am ferry across to Aix, a journey of less than half an hour which gives the best view of the abbey, its har-monious hybrid of buildings roflected in the usually still waters. Like most spas, Aix has seen better days. Queen Victoria came here (as did E. P. Benson's "Dodo" and Bertie Wooster's Aunt Agatha) to take the waters. The grandfather of M. Beysson, the butler at St



Aix-les-Bains: It has seen better days.

an international spa place be-gan with the First World War and was completed by the Second World War, when the Germans destroyed the Hotel he had fought with the local maquis at the age of 14: Haute-Savoie was the first of the French departments to be liberated by the maquis alone.

The baths were originally Roman; the name Aix derives (so the guidebook assures one, though how, I can't imagine) from "Aquae Gratianae", the waters of the Emperor Gratian. Outside the baths is a handsome Roman funerary arch from the second or third century BC, crected by Lucius Pompeius Campanus, The baths still use the douches-massages method that Napoleou's doctors brought back from Egypt, and in the town there are plenty of funry postcards for sale showing bold and nude old men being squir-ted with scalding water from hosepipes or having mud. sploshed on to their stomachs.

Parts of the baths are in high Art Deco style: the pump room dates from 1934. But I found the echoing white halls and rubber-padded cubicles somewhat lorious building on the lake— M. Beysson, the butler at St the echoing white halls and the Abbey of Hautecombe. Giles, was a masseur at the rubber-padded cubicles sometom a distance, it shimmers baths in Victoria's day, but is what sinister when I took the in the water like a Turnerean unlikely to have been let loose three o'clock tour; and comic nirage, all bellowers and on the royal limbs. M Beysson as well as sinister the brown

legs protruding from rubber-lined holes to be sprayed with jets of water; the signs to Douches Locales, Bain Profond, and Service B Hommes Mus-sage Sous PEau; and the Mirabeau. Beysson added that withered curistes sitting round in deck chairs guzzling sedi-

> Most of the architecture in Aix looks like iced cakes the mice have been at, including the main casino, the Palais de for a flutter on the roulette rables. (Admission 9 fr.) The cesino is an 1880s building and still has some enjoyable mosaic ceilings from that date, but the interior was mainly converted into speciacularly volgar Art Deco in the 1930s. It has to be seen to be believed and de-serves a Visconti film all to

In France, Aix is best known for its association with Alphonse de Lamartine, who was 26 when, in October, 1816, he arrived there with a mild liver complaint. He stayed at the house of Dr Périer and there met Madame Charles, who lived in the rooms next to his. Her name was Julie, but he immortalized her as Elvire. Of Créole origin, she had been married 10 years to the septuatebles genarian and impotent Dr smand

Aix with a grave lung disease. On October 8, during a trip on the lake, Julie got caught in a suddent storm, but was saved by Lamartine's boat. They lived in an exaltation indicible. Theu came separation-Lamartine to Macon, Julie to Paris. By the following summer, she was too ill to rejoin Lamartine, who was waiting in Aix. It was then that be wrote the

France in the Romantic period recited with torrents de larmes. Julie died in 1817. Dr Périer's villa has been demolished, but you can still see some of the furniture from it, familiar to Lamartine and Julie, at the Musée du Docteus-Pauré. This museum also contains good French Impressionists, also Rodia watercolours and sculptuces, and large drawings by the Japanese Foujita.

as an apprentice in the kitchens of the Hotel d'Albion, Aix, told me it was now the best hotel there. I sampled the lunch. I was unimpressed by the decor. of cheapjack 1950's style, but food and service were excel-lent. I had hors d'oeuvre (including asparagus)—one serves oneself this course from side (15fr); truite sux amandes (23fr) and fromage

of the sharp, tangy, slightly petillant wine of the Rousselle de Savoie (12fr). I checked on the 1976 tariff of the hotel. Rooms for two persons, with bathroom, range between 120 and 175 francs a night from May to June and during September (for a single person in the same months, between 130 and 170 francs); and the same rooms in July and August range from 150 to 210 francs for two persons, 150-185 single. Single rooms without bath are 100-125 in the fres. period, and 130-140 in the second.

Mrs Lemmon, who visited her chateau while I was there, told me that for people with a car. hotel at Ombremont is the best she knows; she also recom-mends the Hotel du Port at Le-Bourget-du-Lac, and two hotels in Chambery, the Hotel des Princes and the Grand.

Chambéry, the ancient capital of the counts and dukes of Savoy, is one of the historic towns within easy reach of Aix by car. One should see the castle; the country house of Mine de Warens at Les Charmettes where Pourceau lived mettes, where Rousseau lived between 1736 and 1742; and the wad four-elephants statue-cumfountain erected in memory of General Comte de Boigne (1751-1830) and his exploits in India. Postcards of the fountain are captioned "Les 4-100-Q."

This is a double pun: it partly refers to Truffaut's famous film Les Quatre Cents Coups, but also to the bronze elepharts who have been shorn of their hindquarters to fit them sround the central column—Les Quatre Sans Cous (the four without bortoms). Granoble, though in the department of Jehr par Sarpic comment of Jehr par Sarpic conment of Isère, not Savoie, can be easily visited on the same day as Chambery. We visited the Musée de Grenoble, rich in great baroque paintings by Rubens, Philippe de Cham-paigne. Claude and Zurbaran. What I most wanted to see was the Musce Stendhal in the old Hotel de Ville (Stendhal was born here in 1783). But we discovered, on a Thursday, that it is only open on Saturdays and Sundays.

In Grenoble we were recommended to eat at the tiny Auberge Bressane, 38 ter, impasse Beaublache, which has only seven tables. The lunch, which included feather-light savoury mousses and pungent coquilles-I had caneton poirre as a main course and sorbet cassis to follow—cost 200 fr for

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This is in general a marvellous area for gourmets. The Guide Michelin awarded coveted three stars to La Mère Charles restaurant at Mionnay, near Lyon, and said it would have liked to award four, as the chef, Alain Chapel, described as the Leonardo da Vinci of the kitchen" is at 39 the most original, in France. I have eaten at Mere Charles twice, and can vouch for its supreme excellence from the champagne kir framboise served as aperiof, to the pumptin purée and melon sorbet; though I must warn you that this year the meal, with good wines, cost about 300fr for each

You can combine a meal at the medieval town of Perouges It has been perhaps a little too zealously dolled-up, in the man-ner of Lavenham in England (I was amused to see a green shield-shap d signboard hanging from one ancient house reading "Ostéopathe"; but better that than torn down to make way for a motorway. Another threestar restaurant in the Lyon area is Paul Bocuse, at Collonges-au-Mont-d'Or. I did not go there myself, but my American friends at the chateau had and recommended it

The restaurant at La Chambotte, high above the Lac du Bourget on the other side from the chateau, has no such classic cuisine, but is worth visiting for a complete view of the lake. It was a little disconcerting to find that they have there a powerful telescone through which, for one franc, hundreds of people a week can gain an intimate view of what we had imagined was our private domain. We could see M Beysson on the terrace, laying out dishes for the evening meal, and, but for he blue shutters closed against insects, could have peered into I do not enjoy mere basking

in the sun for long; so I began a novel at St Gilles. It is shout a mad marquis who, with a cabal of ultra-reactionary local capal of intra-restitudary local aristos, is busy guillottning in the shrubbery every descendant he can find of the local sansculottes who killed his ancestor in the Terror of the French Revolution. Now I have my denouement: the rucksack-laden tourist who spies him at his bloody work through the tele-scope at La Chambotte, Ham-

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The Kung-fu colony

do with booking an inclusive oliday at this time of year? oswer: Well ... you will have

wait a minute or two for The kungfu was part of ctraordinary afternoon which gan with a huge Chinese such in one of Hongkong's ost modern hotels, continued board a motorized junk oving with unexpected speed rough the waters of Victoria lied Lily attempted to ex-ain the difference between Carronese and Mandarin alects to a group of mysrified ssengers, and culminated th our arrival on the island

The people of Cheung Chau, ic of the most fascinating of ic hundreds of islands which then invited the audience to may were evidently pleased to throw darts at his back. The

sting: What has kung fu got see us. They treated the junkload of passengers to a Lion Dance through the narrow streets of the main town, a performance by the local girls' primary school band, and a demonstration in which a number of Tee-shirted and blackplimsolled youths went through the preliminary intricacies of

> Kung-fu, as popularized by a host of films and television spectaculars (many of them made in Hongkong), is more than a Chinese martial art. It has strong psychological and religious undertones and the strength that mind can exert over matter was amply demonstrated when one swarthy youth, his eyes glazed, deliberately cur his tongue with broken china then invited the audience to

ing enthusiasm; the youth ended up bloody but apparently unbowed; and we recurred somewhat sombrely to the junk. The East, one felt, had intro-

duced us to another of its mysteries. And it had gone no way at all towards providing an Hongkong is full of such

mysteries. It is a 350-square

mile peninsula and group of islands where communist China breathes down the neck of 4,000,000 people and where Chinese and European cultures meet but hardly ever mingle. And, in answer to the question posed at the beginning of this article, you can go on holiday there for about £400—the sort of price that many people pay for a boliday in, say, Greece.

It is the kind of holiday

which more people might feel to be worth considering in this year of strange booking pat-terns. Urged earlier in the year to "wait for holiday bargains " people are now finding that the bargains are not as big as they expected, that the popular areas are fully booked (as is virtually the case with Portugal's Algarve), and that tour operators are busy "rationalizing" their programmes by cancelling flights rather than selling tickets at give-away prices. Faced with the choice of a boliday at home, an unwanted destination, or a long-haul trip, it is worth considering that holiday of a lifetime" destination. And Hongkong is just such a place.

Eritish Airways' Sovereian Holidays do two-week inclusive holidays at the Park Hotel, on the Kowloon peninsula, ar prices starting at £425, but for those who can afford it, it would be worth spending an extra £105 for accommodation at the Mandarin Hotel on Hongkoog island itself-for the Mandarin is one of the best hotels in South-East Asia, let alone Hongkong

These prices compare with a normal economy return air fare between London and Hongkong of £814, so the holiday is undoubtedly a bargain. And with the colony still being principally a business destination, there is plenty of capacity. Early autumn is perhaps the best time to go; and local excursions can be arranged on the spot through firms like the very Tour East Inter-

Particularly recommended are the trip through the New Territories to the Chinese border (which includes a tantalizing glimpse of the People's Republic), a visit to the fishing village of Aberdeen, the new Ocean Park, and a ferry ride to Cheung Chau or to the big bur unspoilt island of Lantau. But visitors will also want to walk: around the picturesque harbours alive with crowded sampans, or through the superb shopping streets. Local pro-



Lantan: an unspoilt island.

ducts and handicrafts are the best buys, particularly in the shops recognized by the Hongkong Tourist Association or the communist Chinese shops. You can bargain, but beware of "overnight" tailors.

Besides Hongkong, Mauritins and Sri Lanka are two long-haul destinations where British Airways still have plenty of spare capacity, and they have just cut £30 off the price of two-week holidays there to try and attract more customers. Closer to home, the picture

eems to be a fragmented one. British Airways report a rush

for Portuguese holidays, par-ticularly the Algarve. The re-cent devaluation of the escudo will make the country even attractive brochure prices are unlikely to be reduced as a result until late in the season. there will be savings in the cost of meals, car hire, and enter-tainment. "If you want to go to Portugal this summer, get in nove", sailaconically. said a spokesman

Sovereign and Enterprise Holidays have noticed a fall-off bookings to Spain, and although the Balearic Islands are doing well (although self-catering villa firms like Meon Travel still have room on Menorca), the meinland is suffering from what one operator called withdrawal symptoms . But other firms, among them Thomson and Intasun, report that Spain is doing well, particularly the Costa Brava. "It may be the Costa Brava because it is the cheapest resort,

but Spain is doing better than most , said Mr John MacNeill, Thomson's programme con-

Mr MacNeill also reports a Adriatic Riviera areas of Italy, and a general trend toward carly season holidays. Late May best times for a holiday if you still want the widest possible choice, while the areas in which there is still plc.tty of room include Grecce although the country is considered to be traditionally a late booking area), Tunisia, Sicily and Malta

At the opposite end of the price scale to Hongkong, yet still pleasantly abroad, is the Irish Republic. Still feeling the pinch as a result of the troubles in Northern Ireland, the Repubin Northern tretano, the Republic is making special efforts to win back its place in the British holiday market, and holidays there can be a real bargain. People like Cara Island Tours have inclusive holidays, with sea travel from Britain, starting at £41.50, and another £7 will get you a thatched cottage that is very much away from it all.

As yet there is no shortage of Irish holidays—but it could happen. For even if Britons still hesitate to go there, the Ger-mans, Swiss and French have no such qualms. German tourism to Ireland in particular increases by leaps and bounds every year—because the Germans believe that Ireland offers the bigges holiday bargains in Europe.

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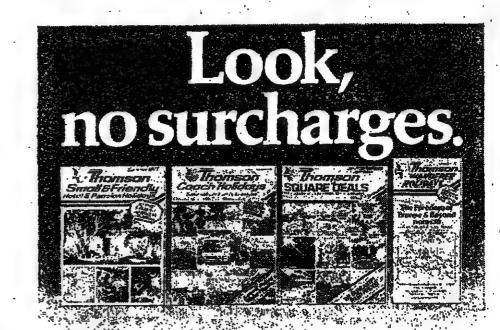
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Ion Trewin, Literary Editor, on a new concept in encyclopaedias

A little learning may be dangerous, but a lot of it is much harder to handle

In a cramped first-floor office in Covent Garden two fledgling British publishers had a vision; of a new, one-volume encyclo-paedia marrying words, pictures and diagrams in a manner un-realized since Diderot's Encyclopédie pointed the way

Encyclopédie pointed the way two centuries ago.

Eight years and £3m later the one volume has grown to 10, and the encyclopaedia, under the title, The Joy of Knowledge, will be published on Monday.*

Financially, the vision of those two publishers, James Mitchell and John Beazley, has already been vindicated: British booksellers subscribed more than 10,000 sets before publication and overseas 15 foreign language editions numbering over 1,000,000 copies have been sold to some of the biggest names in the encyclopaedia industry, Larousse in France and Encyclopaedia. Larousse in France and Encyclo paedia Britannica Educationa paedia Britannica Educational and Random House in the United States. These foreign sales have kept down the British price: £12.50 a volume is astonishingly low, particularly when one considers that the Diderot cost the equivalent of a year's wage of an eighteenth century French guild master or tradesman—say a plumber of today earning about £5,500 a year.

year.
To generations brought up on Chambers, the Junior Oxford, Everyman or Britannica, The Joy of Knowledge will be a revelation. Gone is the tradi-tional column after column of close text occasionally inter-spersed with thumboail photographs or drawings. Instead opposing pages are treated as one in the form of "spreads", one in the form of "spreads", with text and diagrams irrevocably linked, on the basis, as James Mitchell reckons, that a single diagram properly used can replace 10,000 words.

In the eight years that The Joy of Knowledge has been in gestation the firm of Mitchell Beazley has raced to the forefront of British publishing, picking up a Queen's Award on the way. It made its reputation at the turn of the 1960s with two books, The Atlas of the Universe and Moon Flight Atlas (both with the astronomer Pat-(both with the astronomer Patrick Moore, to whom must go the credit for first suggesting the encyclopsedia with which he has been closely essociated

ever since).

Extravagantly illustrated with excellent texts they set a standard high above the coffee table level a standard maintained with such diverse titles as The World Atlas of Wine and The

Jop of Sex.
The Mitchell Beazley trade- The coming of the industrial revolution as seen in The Joy of Knowledge

mark has been professionalism, style, enlightened presentation of knowledge, but above all an enthusiasm for everything they tackle. Sadly John Beazley, the design and financial genius behind the project, died last weekend after a lengthy illness. But he lived long enough to see finished copies. From the beginning The Joy

of Knowledge set out to be the encylopadia for the 1980s. As Mitchell remarks: "To many encyclopaedias are depressing things— with associations of aden with associations of sworting in dusty schoolrooms. Always our of date and perhaps a bit of a swindle, they never tell you the things you really want to know, they never explain. Boring facts with dreary, safe academic precision in leaden prose. The crib sheets for school essays.

library all dated back to the First World War. Their sepia tedium haunts me still."

Mitchell Beazley worked on the statistic that 80 per cent of all "look-ups" in the big and noncaps in the old traditional encyclopedias are for only 20 per cent of the entries. Seen the other way round: if 80 per cent of the encyclopedias were rarely used

was this, perhaps, merely "academic packaging"? The Joy of Knowledge went through a dozen conceptions. At the 1974 Frankfurt Book Fair I watched the Mitchell Beazley entourage selling what had been dubbed for working purposes "Le Grand MB" [a flattering wave in Larousse's direction). With the flair of a conjurer Mitchell would produce sample art work and a dummy out of a shiny black

were impressed, but they wanted to know more. Orders did come in, but there was a long way to go. "Le Grand MB" was a

"Le Grand MB" was a thematic encyclopaedia with, as Mitchell recalls, "all knowledge subject by subject in logical sequence from the birth of the universe to man's most sophisticated technology, packed into 1,200 densely illustrated colour pages". But it had a flaw, The firm were starting from scratch. They had no encyclopaedia experience: indeed, apart from Dent's ience: indeed, apart from Dent's
Everyman (a new edition of
which is expected later this
year) the British tradition had
been lost. Yer it was Ephraim
Chambers whose great whose great century encycloeighteenth paedia was the basis and the inspiration for Diderot.

reference book publishers, while agreeing that the idea while agreeing that the idea and the concept were beautiful, wanted to know if it worked. If one looked things up, could one find things out? Conversations had a habit of ending thus, as Mitchell recalls:

"Can we look up W for Washington?"

"Yes", said Mitchell Beaz-ley. "In the index it will refer to the spread on the War of Independence." But do you have a biographical entry? No. It's not that sort of "Not a regular encyclopaedia then", came the answer. "No sale."

What Mitchell Beazley had conceived was a picture book, albeit an elaborate picture book. "The basic truth was encyclopaedia must perform a practical function", says Mitchell "It was the Guinness Book of Records lesson. It must answer people's ques-

whole encyclopaedia.

The Joy of Knowledge, editorially, has been James Mitchell's province. Unusually

expert by the end to dave search all there is to know. But he would know an astonishing number of the answers.

There is nothing bland about this presentation of facts and knowledge. Mitchell would be false to himself if he failed to

*The Joy of Knowledge. The first two volumes, Men and Machines and The Natural World (£12.50 each) will be published by Mitchell Beazley on Monday, Further volumes will come out in May, Septem-ber, October and next spring.

To enswer the potential customers' questions it has grown and divided. Just as the current Britannica has a Macropedia and a Micropedia— thematic articles in the one, an elaborate extended index in the other—so The Joy of Know-ledge now has an eight volume Colourpedia, the "Le Grand ME" element, and a two-volume Alphapedia giving facts in the traditional A-Z manner while acting as an index to the

Mitchell's province. Unusually in an aze where encyclopaedias are more usually controlled by committee. Mitchell is his own general editor. Unlike Diderot, his mentor, he has not used his position to push a particular philosophy. Indeed, when he wanted the article on nuclear and chemical warfare nuclear and chemical warfare

— a subject which he positively
abnors—to reflect his views, he
didn't get his way. "This was
right", he says. "Encyclopaedias must be totally
objective."

The Jon of Knowledge is a
grounding. In fact, Mitchell
believes the reader ought to
know some science before
plunging into the astronomy,
geology and natural history
sections. No one could start at
volume one, page one and

volume one, page one and expect by the end to have learned

raise questions in the seeker after truth. Over our arrange-ment hovers ceaselessly the great question-mark—So? What great duestion-mark—50? What are you going to do with it all then? Are you going to mend your ways and be at peace and live in harmony with your heritage? Or are you soing to con-tinue to foul it all up? Your time is running out. For assuredly it is. I meant that question mark to be there."

James Mitchell is closer to Diderot than he admits.

One hundred years ago this month, William Morris felt compelled to write a letter to the Athenaeum. The subject was a report in The Times on the proposed restoration of Tewkesbury Abbey. At that time the word restoration, in the light of the unshakable conviction of Victorian architects that they could improve upon the work of their predecessors, induced the same sort of shudders as "redevelopment" does today. ment" does today. Morris did not mince his words. "Your paper has so steadily and courageously opposed itself to those acts of barbarism which the modern architect parson and source call

architect, parson and squire call restoration, that it would be waste of words to enlarge here on the ruin that has been wrought by their hands", he wrote. "But for the saving of what is left, I think I may write a word of encouragement, and a word of encouragement, and say that you by no means stand alone in this matter, and that there are many thoughtful people who would be glad to sacrifice time, money and comfort in defence of those ancient monuments; besides, though I admit that the architects are, with very few exceptions, hopeless, because interest, habit and less, because interest, habit and ignorance bind them, and that ignorance bind them, and that the clergy are hopeless because their order, habit and an ignorance yet grosser bind them; still there must be many people whose ignorance is accidental rather than invete ate, whose good sense could surely be touched if it were put to them that they were destroying what they or more destroying what they or, more destroying what they or, more surely still, their sons and their sons sons would one day fervently long for, and which no wealth or energy could ever buy again for them."

Fine words were happily not enough. A mere 12 days later Morris founded the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, which today embarks upon its centenary celebrations with, appropriately, a service in Tewkesbury Abbey. Amenity societies being notoriously jealous and hungry for publicity, it might be tempt-

for publicity, it mages he tempting providence to suggest that the society's founding marked the start of the conservation movement. But its record is formidable. It was instrumental in the establishment of the National Trust in 1895, the Central Council for the Care of Churches in 1922 and the Council for the Preservation (since cil for the Preservation (since cli for the Preservation (since changed to Protection) of Rural England in 1926. It has had a hand in the drafting of the successive Town and Country Planning Acts, and its two direct "children" are the Georgian Group, formed in 1936, and, with a nice irony, the Victorian

Society in 1958. By then the wheel had come full circle.
Lodged cosily in two Georgian terrace houses in Great Ormand Street, saved from the demolition gangs in the 1930s, the society is auxious to emphasize that it is not just another pressure group. Morris from the beginning declared that protests guning declared that protest must be accompanied by con-structive alternatives, and most of its work has been concen-trated on technical methods of

What the

conservationists owe to

William Morris

preservation. It deliues its activities as the provision of advice on the treatment and repair of old buildment and repair of old buildings; the investigation of buildings suffering from neglect or threatened by damaging treatment or destruction; and the preparation of surveys of historic areas of ciries, towns and villages, with tecommendations on the designation of conservation areas. It also arranges tion areas. It also arranges courses, lectures and couships for architectural students. maintains an index of houses threatened with demolition and

sponsors appeals for preser-Books and pamphlets available through the society range in subject matter from fire proin subject matter from the pro-tection to the dating of English houses, and from the future of Norfolk churches to rising damp-and the repair of plaster ceil-ings. In recent years it has adopted an international out-look, and its offices are the headquarters of the United Kingdom branch of the Unescosupported International Com-mittee of Monuments and Sires.

While it has for the most part eschewed involvement in wider planning issues, the society has on occasion sounded a note of warning. Ten years ago the present chairman, the Duke of Grafton, lamented the disap-pearance of the City of London skyling of Wren spires and their burial in canyons of new buildings. That was before the monstrous new National Westminster tower, which dwarfs the dome of St Paul's, was so much as a hole in the ground.

Changes in urban evolution ere inevitable and their merits arguable, but it is on the importance of individual buildings as artistic and historic monuments that the society conmonuments that the society continues to fight its battles. To quote Morris once again: "It has been most truly said that these old buildings do not belong to us only: that they belonged to our forefathers and they will belong to our descendants unless we play them false. property, to do as we like with them. We are only trustees for

John Young

George Hutchinson

Time we started counting the pennies again

Speaking of prices (and who isn't?), I sometimes wonder whether Mr Callaghan, protected and cossetted by his present pay and the prospect of an inflation-proof pension, is fully elive to the hardships afflicting so many of his countrymen. Occupied as they are in the stratosphere of politics, and comforted—cocooned—by the innumerable perquitics, and comforted—cocooned—by the innumerable perquisites of their exalted office, Prime Mipisters tend to become removed from the realities of workaday life. They know about the cost of living. But do they

understand it?
Unless his Government can check the rate of inflation, Mr Callaghan is surely doomed, as he himself must recognize. Why then does he hesitate to act in these coheres where the those spheres where the Government could impose economies or prevent avoidable

Consider the ninepenny letter Consider the ninepenny letter now wished upon us by Sir William Ryland and his Post Office board. In the light of current Post Office profits, the increase is not only undecessary, but to most minds must seem outrageous. This charge, nearly a florin in our old currency, will represent a further—and wilful—contribution to the general inflation. An extra halfoenny may not count tion to the general inflanon. An extra halfpenny may not count for much with Sir William. The owners of businesses involving heavy mailings may be expected to think differently.

Then there is the waste of resquires and the needless expense to the individual as manifested, for example, in the practice of discarding passports

manifested, for example, in the practice of discarding passports that have been little used and could well be extended beyond the ten-year period which is their official lifetime. A passport might be in almost mint condition, but after its appointed span must be renewed at a cost of £10, with all the attendant form-filling.

Thus a document in good repair (and our British passports are well made) is consigned to the scrap heap when it could still be utilized, while the citizen is subjected to avoidable trouble and expense. This is nothing but profiteering on

signed to the scrap heap when it could still be utilized, while the citizen is subjected to avoidable trouble and expense. This is nothing but profiteering on the part of the Foreign Office—or rather the Exchequer. Profiteering is one aspect, extravagance and waste is another. Which is worse?

Small beer, did I hear someone say? Perhaps. But large totals are the sum of all the parts. No one item in the whole is truly insignificant. There is a lot to be said for the old maxim: "Look after the pennies and the pounds will look after themselves". It is nowhere more applicable than in the realm of public departments—and nowhere less rethe part of the Foreign Office—or rather the Exchequer. Profiteering is one aspect, extravagance and waste is another. Which is worse? Small beer, did I hear someone say? Perhaps. But large totals are the sum of all the parts. No one item in the whole is truly insignificant. There is a lot to be said for the old maxim; "Look after the pennies and the pounds will look after themselves". It is nowhere more applicable than in the realm of public departments—and nowhere less regarded.

It was because I had heard It was because I had heard that, as part of the Operation Neptune scheme, the National Trust is proposing to buy a stretch of land between Sr. Margaret's Bay and Dover, and is looking to American well-wishers for financial support. The object, of course, is to preserve the natural beauty of the famous White Cliffs by preventing unwelcome develorpreventing unwelcome develop-ment. Good. But why should our splendid National Trust be

axpected—or feel obliged—to accept the burden? This is surely the responsibility of the local planning authoricies.

As I understand it, Kent County Council and the Dover District Council could themselves appropriate presented. District Council could themselves ensure complete protection without spending a penny
simply by refusing to sanction any development whatever. Can't they be relied upon
to do so? Are there any
grounds for doubting their
intentions? Must the National
Trust, with so many calls on
its resources be driven to such
expense?

No doubt I exaggerate, but it does sometimes appear that half the nation cannot spell (let alone add up). That being so, one might expect the Advertising Standards Authority to exercise its influence in this respect. I therefore draw the authority's attention to the advertisements (in England) of a well-known American cigarette manufacturer, in one of which the spelling "flavor" occurs four times. Must our children be encouraged to misspell their own language by such intrusions in their own country? □ No doubt I exaggerate, but

the allegation may be. The lie garded.

The other afternoon, walking on the downs that lie between up, as I shall try to demonwalmer (where Julius Caesar strate in a later article. landed in the year 55 BC) and Times Newspapers Ltd, 1977

Will hardly prosper them, I think, for their time is nearly up, as I shall try to demonstrate in a later article. Charlotte Brew: ready for Bechers

The priests who are sitting targets in Rhodesia The Christian missionaries are in an indefinite number of prohaving the most difficult life tected villages — commonly of all in Rhodesia. They work among ordinary Africans and it To the formistian missionaries are in an indefinite number of pronot guilty, but in that case three knows something of administra. Bethlehem Fathers, stationed at fessed to seven murders, yet the most difficult life tected villages — commonly witnesses would then have been found father three or four months shot dead on a road south of and has not been found. Father three or four months shot dead on a road south of and has not been found. Father three or four months shot dead on a road south of and has not been found. Father three or four months shot dead on a road south of and has not been found. Father three or four months shot dead on a road south of and has not been found. Father three or four months shot dead on a road south of and has not been found. Father three or four months shot dead on a road south of and has not been found. Father three or four months shot dead on a road south of and has not been found. Father three or four months shot dead on a road south of and has not been found. Father three or four months shot dead on a road south of and has not been found. Father three or four months shot dead on a road south of an angle of the father three or four months shot dead on a road south of an angle of the father three or four months shot dead on a road south of an angle of the father three or four months shot dead on a road south of an angle of the father three or four months shot dead on a road south of an angle of the father three or four months shot dead on a road south of an angle of the father three or four months shot dead on a road south of an angle of the father three or four months shot dead on a road south of an angle of the father three or four months shot dead on a road south of an angle of the father three or four months shot dead on a road south of an angle of the father three or four months shot dead on

is from among these that the guerrillas are recruited. This is true especially in the frontier areas—the operational zones where African men fall into three categories: the peasants, the guerrilles and members of the defence forces.

The missionaries try not to differentiate between them, at great risk to themselves, yet since January, 13 Roman Catho-lic missionaries have been mur-

In the frontier areas not only do the guerrillas visit the missions where they know the priests and Sisters of old, and where the pupils are the children of friends and relations, but according to a priest working in an operational zone "there is no schoolboy and few schoolgirls who do not set aside half of their food for the guerrillas. Not necessarily beguerillas. Not necessarily be-cause they love them, or approve of them, but because they fear remibution now and even more in the future.

would have been murdered. So they pleaded guilty, and it is known that they will not appeal. Of the four years to which they were sentenced, three years were suspended. They

will serve eight months of the remaining year, and counting the time they have already spent in prison they will be free in six months. European missionaries are in

great risk to themselves, yet since January, 13 Roman Catholic missionaries have been murdered.

In Rhodesia there are 51
African and 329 non-African Roman Catholic priests, 20 African and 133 non-African should the nationalists come to power, which some say will be brothers, 435 African and 564 non-African sisters.

They man 758 missions and 411 other centres, caring for 45,000 pupils. Their teaching is very good and African parents are happy to have rieir children taught by them; much happier than if they have to send them to segregated state schools.

Missionaries also have to work

guerrillas. Not necessarily because they love them, or approve of them, but because they love them, or approv

he will be replaced by someone else who might ruin his good work. In badly run "keeps" the Africans are unhappy and feel as though they are imprisoned. The young men run away to join the guerrillas. African Selous scouts have been known to misbehave with the women and loot even from the poor.

To this is added the distress over Africans (especially women) shot for breaking the 6 pm curfew rule. That some carry messages (in rare cases even grenades) does not help. Yet some of the priests have managed to persuade both managed to persuade both sides to observe common

sides to observe common humanity.

It is therefore estonishing that since January 1, 13 missionaries (priests, brothers and sisters) have been murdered: Bishop Adolf Schmidt (German), Farber P. Poseotl (Italian) and Sister Marie Francie of the Precious Blood (Gercis of the Precious Blood (German) shot in their ear between Wankie and Bulawayo; Father G. George (Irish) of the

found, but not his body,

On February 6, at St Paul's Mission, Musani, two Jesuit priests, Father Martin Thomas and Father Christopher Shepherd-Smith, one Jesuit Brother, B. John Conway, three German Dominican Sisters: S. Magdala, Sister Zeslaus and Sister Epiphany and Sister Joseph (English) were all killed.

They were lined up by four of the men who had rushed into the mission and mown down by machine gun fire. On February 28 Father Rubio

Diaz, a Spanish secular priest doing missionary work in the Gwelo district, was battered to death. On March 8 another priest was shot dead. No wonder on: Jesuit priest told me : "We are just waiting to see who will be next. We have no protection -we are sitting targets, and whoover cares to take aim at

us, can and does succeed."
The murderer of Bishop Schmidt and his two companions was captured and con-

found, nor the four men who shot the seven men and women ar Sr Paul's, nor the men who brutally killed the Spanish

priest.

If all these murders were the work of guerrillas, it must be said that the Rhodesian authorities have not been adept at catching them.

Owing to their yows and dedication, the missioneries will cation, the missionaries will continue their work. It is tragic to remember that when the danger of attacks was discussed at St Paul's Mission last lanuary, it was the youngest sister. Sister Magdala, who persuaded the old sisters to stay on. "It is our duty to carry on." she said then, "and should they get us our death would be to the greater glory of the Lord."

They got ber, and three older sisters. For the missionaries, a peaceful transition to majority peaceful transition to majority rule in Rhodesia would indeed

be a relief. Judith Listowel

The 'bionic' woman with her sights on the National



Sportsview

Charlotte Brew, who on April 2 will become the first woman to take part in the Grand National when she rides her 12-year-old gelding, Barony Fort, is certainly no starry-eyed optimist. She readily acknowledges that her chance of winning is not exactly there in the form book for all to see. But, as she puts it: "The National is the National and anything can happen—everyone has a chance. My horse, is a superb jumper and that counts for an awful lot of Aintree."

Miss Brew, 21, and Barony Fort qualified when they finished fourth to Credit Call in the Foxhunters Steeplechase

says, even Becher's, which seemed no more daunting than some of the fences she has had to contend with in three-day events. The open ditches are, in her opinion, the most difficult—you have to meet those just right.

"The National certainly can but rough if the horse hates running in it. I would never contemplate running Baron if I thought he hated it. But he absolutely loved it. The next day he was so full of himself that when I opened his stable he shot out, kicked me and ran off."

Many professionals believe

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Miss Brew, 21, and Barony
Forr qualified when they
finished fourth to Credit Call
in the Foxhunters Steeplechase
run over the National fences at run over the National fences at last year's Aintree meeting. "Baron", as he is affectionately known, jumped round the course without batting an equine eyelid. It was, in fact, not the fearsome fences that nearly proved his downfail but, of all things, a doorknob. Miss Brew had finished tacking up Baron before the race, closed the door to his box, and the knob come off in her hand. After frantically trying to open it she managed to track down the stable manager and Baron was gratefully released in time to run.

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How did it actually feel to soar over the most famous, or possibly infamous, obstacles in the world in particular Becher's Brook, which a leading jockey once described as "like stepping off the edge of the world." It was not particularly frightening, Miss Brew

Charlotte Brew, who on April says, even Becher's, which

off."
Many professionals believe that the National is simply too tough for a woman, particularly a comparatively inexperienced one. It has even been suggested that to let a woman ride in the race is to invite another disaster such as the great pile-up of 1967 when the field virtually came to a standstill at the twenty-third fence and the 100-1 outsider. Foinavon shipped past them all to win. Miss Brew was the centre of

Miss Brew was the centre of controversy at Plumpton recently when another rider, Mrs Sheilagh French, accused Barony Fort of jumping crookedly and causing her horse to fall. A photograph of the relevant stage of the race showed subsequently that Miss Brew was blameless.

Miss Brew has been riding horses since she was four, and has ridden our regularly for the Newmarker trainers David

Morley and Henry Cecil. She worked several of Cecil's topclass flat horses, including the
mighty Wollow, winner of the
2,000 Guineas, Sussex Stakes
and the Benson and Hedges
Gold Cup last year. Her fulltime occupation at the moment
is looking after her parents'
horses, which are stabled in
the grounds of their beautiful
twelfth-century home, formerly
a Cistercian abbey, in the vildage of Coggeshall, Essex.
She is fully aware of the
physical demands of the
National and has embarked on
a training schedule that includes a three-mile run every
morning and a workout in the
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a training schedule that includes a three-mile run every morning and a workout in the gymnasium every night. "By the time I've finished", she says, "I'll be bionic."

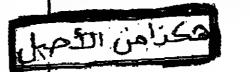
Jockeys, it is said, make the world's worst tipsters, but taking the charitable view that women have not yet had the chance to prove how bad they are in this sphere, what does Miss Brew think will win on April 2? "Forest King is the one I fancy", she says. "He'll jump anything. But you just can't leave Red Rum out, can you? He's the ideal Aintree horse." But then there is Barony Fort, of course...

What, then, if after all the talk is over and the impossible dream looks like coming true—she approaches the last fence in the National level with Tommy Stack on Red Rum? "If that happens", she says with a

happens", she says with a smile, "I'll push him off!"



John Karter Barony Fort : ready for the jumps.



ALASTAIR ROSS,

times.

From Mr I. A. Shapiro

way, secure in the knowledge that

refuses to reinstate Sunday collec-tion of mail because large numbers

of letter boxes remain virtually

empty on Sunday in city, central and other areas where offices and

fartories predominate.

That is no reason for penalizing the suburbs, where letter boxes are

fuller at weekends than at other

A solution to the problem is easy. Let the PO drop the Saturday morning collection in suburban areas but continue it in business

areas, and reinstate Sunday collec-

If that is more than the PO can

cope with, let it at least arrange for Sunday collection of mail from

those suburban letter boxes which until recently were designated for "late evening" collections at 7.30

Sir, How sincerely I agree with Robert Lusty's letter (March 17)

on the lack of a Sunday post.

would like to put forward the vagueness in the riming of the 61p

post, should it take two days or,

as often occurs, nearly a week? This should be made clear and kept

Sir, Sir Robert Lusty (Letters, March 17) must consider himself

lucky in having a letter collection as late as 9.30 am on Saturday

In this village it is 6,25 am ! !

tions in suburban areas.

on weekdays. Yours truly,

Selly Park,

Birming bam.

I. A. SHAPIRO,

93 Oal-field Road,

From Mrs C. Diver

Yours faithfully,

From Mr James Kershaw

E. J. DIVER,

Squirrels, Kennel Lane,

Faraham.

mornings.

Yours faithfully,

JAMES KERSHAW,

Surrey.

PARLIAMENT'S CHOICE

The fate of the Government in next week's censure motion must depend on some intense and complex political manoeuvring. over the next few days. It is now effectively in a minority where r must depend for its survival ipon detaching one or more of the smaller parties from the ranks of the opposition, If it could rely on the support of all the Ulster MPs that would be enough, but to be secure the Government requires the backing of the Liberals as well. There is much to be said in theory for some kind of understanding between them. The Liberals are not seeking terms that would be contrary to the national interest, and they cannot be expected to give their support without receiving something in return. The logic of their position requires them to be tough. But ministers will find it difficult to satisfy the Liberals without causing considerable stresses within their own party. Such a deal would be more difficult and hazardous than it might seem.

But, whatever the subtleties of parliamentary arithmetic, would an election be in the national interest at this particular moment? There is a strong presumption among the general public that elections should be called well before their time only for good and sufficient reason. This Parliament can run until October, 1979, so what justification could there be for ending it now? At least one of three conditions would have to he met. The Government might decide that it could no longer run the affairs of the country effectively without a serne parliamentary majority. The opposition parties might determine that some particular episode or act on the part of the Government needed to be put to the immediate judgment of the electorate. Or the Government might suffer such a cumulative loss of authority that it was no longer capable of conducting business properly.

The first of these conditions clearly does not apply. The Government is desperately anxious to avoid an election now. Is there some overriding reason that would none the less make one desirable? If the Government is defeated this week it will be on a general motion of confidence, but that vote will have come about because the Government knew that it was unable to obtain a majority in the House of Commons for its public expenditure programme. The stratagem by which it managed to avoid that being put to the vote was un-worthy: it is one thing for a minority administration to accept defeat on certain aspects of its programme without becoming oo upset but it is not healthy for the House to be deprived of the opportunity to record its judgment. None the less, if an election is held now it will have come about hecause the Conservatives, who seek more public spending cuts, were not prepared to back the Government in going part of the way in that direction. The election would not, of course, be fought on that issue; but it would seem a strange reason for forcing an immediate

election. Has the Government lost its grip, however, to such an extent that it ought to be turned out of office right away? Here it is necessary to distinguish between the inability of a government to

get its legislation through Parliament, and its inability to govern at all. The present Government finds the Scotland and Wales Bill blocked and has been forced to drop ship-repairing from the Aircraft and Shipbuild ing Bill. But there is no reason to lament the absence of an automatic majority for Bills that are either undesirable in principle or have not been thought through sufficiently. It is no bad thing for Parliament to provide a greater check upon the executive : that is part of the discipline naturally and properly imposed

upon a minority government.

A point may well be reached where the Government loses its capacity to rule in a more general and damaging sense. But it is not evident that that point has come yet, for all the internal troubles within the Labour Party. There are signs, indeed, that rather than being paralysed by those difficulties Mr Callaghan and his closest colleagues are beginning to fight back. Some Ministers however give the impression of being concerned principally to prepare their ground for the bartles to come after the election, and if that attitude were to spread the Government would crumble. But for the moment it does not appear to be prevented by the weakness of its parliamentary position from doing anything that is essential in the national interest. The difficulties over the next round of incomes policy spring from different and deeper causes. The present Government would not be the best one to suide this country over the years ahead, but that does not mean that there is sufficient cause to precipitate an election next

PRESIDENT CARTER MAKES HIS CASE

he popular. For three decades the Americans have had this sad truth brought home to them: hated on doctrinal grounds as imperialists, resented by their dependents, envied by their poorer allies. The criticism has ome from every quarter of the slobe and never so consistently as at the United Nations. So the main objective of President Carter's speech there on Thursthy night was to present a positive, peaceful American foreign policy, admitting American errors and making no claim to omnipotence. President Carter's ryle and background make it easier for him to complete the changeover in the seventies from the American role in the fifties and sixties. As the cold war commander-in-chief of free world forces the United States saw the world in those days as territories to be won or lost by one side or the other. Now the compenition may persist but there is less certainty that either superpower can profit from or even hope to enjoy for long the willing subservience of an ideological ally.

President Carter saw his main task as keeping the peace, in which his first objective would be a turning away from the arms

Superpowers can never expect to race. He envisaged strict controls or even a freeze on new weapon developments and the "deep" reduction in the strategic arms of both sides coupled, possibly, with the end of nuclear testing by the two superpowers, even if the other nuclear powers could not be brought into the same agreement.

All this may be warmly applauded from every quarter and the President's real determination—after eight weeks in office-may raise hopes. The same would apply to President Carter's view of the world's economy: the right sentiments, a proper attention to third world interests, a fair spread of material welfare. What remains to be seen is how the President will make his choices when many of these otherwise desirable aims conflict and how he will allay Russian suspicions and succeed in his negotiations with them where his predecessors have had only limited success.

Where Mr Carter's personal emphasis has been most marked is in human rights. On this issue he restated his case at the United Nations, His actions have already caused palpitations in Moscow. He plainly sees the issue as one that should revive the moral obiectives without which American.

policy loses some of its convic-Thus, human rights wherever they may be outraged by torture, or denied by imprisonment for political reasons, or otherwise wantonly disregarded will not be overlooked In American policy. The question is a universal one. His hearers at the United Nations cannot charge the new American administration with using the issue simply as one to needle the Russians with, it has indeed already been given world-wide application in the listing by the State Department of countries receiving American aid which to be c human rights in their own countries.

This has provoked Latin American defaulters to declare their dignity affronted by such a listing, so that Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Salvador and, even while the President was speaking, Guatemala, have now all said that they will no longer accept American military aid. To recall the tame Latin American United Nations votes that followed American wishes twenty years ago in such matters as refusing admission to the Peking government gives some indication of how times have changed.

WILL THE TRUSTEES PLEASE RESPOND?

In 1665 John Evelyn lent Samuel Pepys some Elizabethan letters relating to the death of Amy Robsart. What with one thing and another, Pepys ("But Lord, how poorly methicks they wrote in those days and in what plain uncut paper ") never found time to return them to his friend. The fact that they remained friends is no small tribute to Evelyn's character. It would be curious if this misappropriation were ultimately to save those docu-ments from being scattered among the libraries of the world. ation For Pepys's papers are securely enshrined, in Magdalene College, Cambridge. Evelyn's library, now in the possession, but not the ownership of Christ Church, Oxford, is in danger of dispersal. The printed books are set for auction in June, down along with other books acquired later with other books acquired later by the family but not connected with Evelyn himself, and some uncertainty apparently also surrounds the diary and the other manuscripts. A table from the same collection was sold off this week for

Evelyn's library is of quite exceptional historical significance. Apart from its personal associations with the diarist himself, it reflects the concerns of a mind whose interests ranged from

Lucretius to bread-making, closely involved in the intellectual affairs of the day and a founder-Fellow of the Royal Society. No comparable library of the period exists (Pepys, also an eager collector, would never have claimed to be Evelyn's equal as scholar, connoisseur or cosmopolitan). Even in its time it was the first of its kind, for it was Evelyn who first made known and imitated in England the contemporary developments in France which marked the beginning of the modern library organized and arranged on a

systematic basis. Obviously the significance of the library as a collection is far greater than the value of the individual books that make it up. Paradoxically, the decision to sell them off seems to have been taken largely because they can be disposed of in small lots which, fetching relatively small sums, will mitigate liability to capital gains tax. The fact that they are to be sold at all is less a reflection on the rapacity of tax law than an accident of inheritance. The collection, held in trust, passed intact to a descendant of the diarist, also called John Evelyn, who died last year without issue. The nearest heirs were the three children of his

dividing his property equally among the three-never expect-ing that it would include the heirlooms. The courts ruled in 1967 that because of Peter's will the collection itself would have to be divided. The trustees consider it necessary to sell items to produce an equal division, and feel obliged to sell the books piecemeal because that creates the smallest capital gains tax

Christ Church, the Friends of the National Libraries and the British Library have all been in touch with the Government about the possibility of saving the col-lection. In parliament this week Mrs Shirley Williams made it clear that ministers feel less apathetic about this item of the national beritage than they do about Mentmore Towers. But the trustees, she said, had made no approach whatever to investigate the possibility of public purchase, or of public assistance towards it. Nor have they apparently made any attempt to inquire whether the books could be pur in an approved public collection to offset tax. It is not possible to issue a Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of the substance of a library. Mrs William's words were a plain invitation to the brother Peter, who was killed in trustees: the future of Evelyn's the war. Peter had left a will books depends on their response.

Doctor manpower From Professor J. S. Scott

Sir, "How many doctors for the eighties?" your leader (March 14) asks but its analysis fails to emphasize adequately two major factors affecting the answer. Firstly a local problem; the NHS staff structure with its broad base of "training" posts and narrow upper story of career jobs is such that it is impossible to produce a number of medical graduates which will satisfy both needs. Sir Cyril Clarke recently suggested to resolve this domestic difficulty a specialist grade merging with that of consultant but entrenched attitudes have, as you say, led to rejection of this idea by the profession. With this impasse, a more

radical suggestion involving abolition of the consultant grade might have a chance of acceptance. Medicine in most of the world functions without consultants and recently the title has been debased to a degree that any self-respecting doctor should be glad to be spared

Secondly, on the world scene, many countries to which our doctors have traditionally emigrated have recently placed restrictions or bans on their admission. It is true that the new EEC regulations offer opportunities for United Kingdom doctors to move to Europe. But in much of Europe, because of over-production, medical school intakes are being reduced. There are more young English-speaking doctors elsewhere in Europe than there are

doctors here with converse linguistic abilities. British speciality training is highly regarded abroad and our present experience is that many Europeans are keen to sieze the new opportunity of taking training posts here. These combined influences may lead to a rapid build-up in the number of doctors practising in the United Kingdom.

Because of the length of training an early decision is needed but the judgment must be made in the light of the world medical scene. Yours faithfully,

J. S. SCOTT, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Leeds, Springfield Mount,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The status of the RUC

From Lord Hunt

Sir, I am probably only one among many people outside the ranks of the Royal Ulster Constabulary who were glad to hear of the firm assurance given by Mr Roy Mason, as reported in yesterday's news (March 16), that the RUC would maintain its civilian character and role. This was one of the main role. Inis was one or the main recommendations of the report on the Northern Ireland police forces in October 1969 and it reflected the strong desire of the RUC at that time to cease being a para-military body. There is a fundamental difference between providing the police with the protection necessary to do its civilian job of preventing crime, enforcing the law and apprebending law breakers, and that of military aid in support of the civil power; the latter is the job of the Army. It is also a difference of relationship with the public.

There may be a case for a third force, such as those which operate in some other countries and which enable the Army to remain in recommendations of the report on enable the Army to remain in reserve for a major national emergency. In Northern Ireland, I believe the Ulster Defence Regiment, which was also created as an automatic of the 1960 reseated as an enterprise of the 1960 reseated as an enterprise of the 1960 reseated. outcome of the 1969 report and which might, if necessary, be expanded and placed on a fully professional footing, is the right answer. I understand that it is doing a splendid job.

The money supply

Yours truly,

JOHN HUNT.

House of Lords. March 17.

From Mr Reginald Mauilling, MP for Chipping Barnet (Conservative) Sir, My old friend and former col-league Sir Keith Joseph has replied (March 18) with his unfailing courtesy to my question about money supply, but I find it hard to believe that he has fully thought through the consequences of his

policy.

He says that "deceleration of money supply growth must continue until the rate of growth of money is substantially less than its present level". (Incidentally today's figures show that for three months now money supply has not been growing but contracting, with more apparent effect on prospects of growing unemployment than of reducing price inflation) and that this should go on for a year, possibly two or three. Does he really wish to see many more years of stagnation and growing unemployment? And what guarantee is there that when the squeeze is relaxed there will not be, in the absence of an effective incomes policy, a recrudescence of inflation? That is what has happened in the past. I have heard more than one Chancellor after a

credit squeeze announce the death of inflation, only to find he has "scotched the snake, not killed it". Sir, is it not time for us all to concentrate a little less on reducing demand to metch production and a little more on increasing production to match demand?

Yours feithfully, REGINALD MAUDLING, House of Commons. March 18.

Basis of the Land Fund

From Lord Eccles Sir, I apologize for writing again about the Land Fund (March 14).

assumed its nature was known.

Moving the second reading of the Finance Bill (1957) the Financial Secretary to the Treasury (Mr J. Enoch Powell) told the House that the Committee of Public Accounts had recommended the return to the Exchequer of some part of the Fund, it was undesirable to keep such large sums with "no foresee-able need" for them outside the direct control of Parliament.
At column 813, May 7, Mr
Powell said "The reality behind all

this is simply that each year the Exchequer forgoes a certain amount of revenue by way of Estate Duty in order to secure for the nation land, houses and works of art; and it makes good that deficiency from the Fund, which, in effect, means, since the Fund is already re-lent to the Exchequer,

from current borrowing.

On July 1 the relevant clause was debated and at column 778 Mr Powell said "The Exchequer created a paper fund by lending itself £50 million. The Fund until it carries to be used in ron existent." comes to be used is non-existent".

Mr Dalton demurred and Mr Powell continued "What I have said is quite right . . . the Government have created a paper debt . . . and then to put the matter beyond doubt "However, when the Fund is brought into use either to reinburse the Inland Revenue . . . or ... for expenditure on the purchase of historic houses and the like . . . then of course real money is required. That is obtained by borrowing from the public." Was it so wrong to describe the Fund as a book-entry?

I am, yours truly, ECCLES, House of Lords. March 17.

EEC sugar fund

From Professor John Yudkin

Sir, There is no doubt, as Lord Douglas of Barloch says (March 12), that the reason for the decision of the EEC Commission to discourage production of fructose (isomerose) is to encourage the production of ordinary sugar.

But whereas it would certainly be bad for our health if we in-creased our sugar consumption by following the recent North American ban on saccharine, Lord Douglas is wrong in believing that fructose is also a desirable substitute for sugar. Ordinary sugar is very rapidly digested to form equal amounts of glucose and fructose, and there is now a great deal of evidence to show that many of the ill effects of sugar (such as the abnormal amounts of hormones in the blood) are produced by the fructose released from it. Yours, etc.,

JOHN YUDKIN. 16 Holly Walk, Hampsread, NW3. March 14.

No Sunday post collection

From Professor G. Ettlinger we have no deadline to meet, and Sir. A related point arises because that, scurry as we may, the letter by some curiously unclear thinking box will not be cleared till Monday morning. I for one am enjoying my Sundays a great deal more-Yours faithfully. the Post Office fails to collect mail also on Saturdays during long public holidays. Thus, last Christones—at least in this part of the world—there was no postal collection from 48 Mount Pleasant Road, Ealing, W5. Friday to Monday. If therefore one posted a letter too late for the last collection on Thursday, it would not be collected until Tuesday, some five days later. Presumably the same pattern will recur this Easter. Sir, Presumably the Post Office

One assumes that, if Sunday collections were re-introduced, this long break in the postal service at certain public holidays would be avoided Yours faithfully, G. ETTLINGER, 6 Thames Drive, Twyford, Berkshire.

From Dr R. A. Fairclough Sir, The strongest support for Sir Robert Lusty in his letter to you today (March 17). His letter should have been headed "No Postal Weekend Activity" as those, like myself, whose businesses rely upon the post now regularly receive practically no post, letter or parcel, on Mondays, thus losing one day's activity per

Yours, etc. RICHARD FAIRCLOUGH, 20 Worsall Road,

From Mrs Pamela Vandyke Price Sir, Correspondents who rightly resent the Post Office refusal to restore Sunday collections, may also be aware that to use the Saturday collections is now somewhat risky. On three occasions this year mail posted with first class stamps, par in a box in Kensington for the 9.30 am collection has failed to arrive—once it was an article for The Times! At other times first class usil posted on a Saturday to destinations within London has not arrived until the following Wednes-day or Thursday. Can it all be part a scheme to deter us from writing letters—and make more money for the telephone services? PAMELA VANDYKE PRICE, 8 Queens Gate, SW7.

From Mr Alastair Ross

Whites in Zambia

Sir, Sir Robert Lusty may have enjoyed having his Sunday moru-ings clouded by the need to dash off his weekend correspondence in time to catch the Sunday collection. Some of us are now deriving equal pleasure from the knowledge that we can write our Sunday let-ters in a relaxed and expansive

From the Zambian High Com-

Sir, I read with great interest an article headlined "Role of white man in black Africa" by Mr Nicholas Ashford published in your

issue of March 1, 1977. The article

was fairly written and I particularly like his choice of people for inter-view: a farmer, a businessman and

a high ranking government servant.

They were a cross section of the white community in Zambia. They

all told him that they liked it in Zambia, allaying all fears arising

from a misconception in some countries that no white man can live happily in a black ruled

One of the men Mr Ashford interviewed, Mr Andrew Anderson, summed it up best when he said:
"... it is not a question of being black or white. We are all serving

the country. Colour does not come into it." Indeed it is government

policy that when a person does wrong the question of his colour should not seize. It is also the policy

of the Mineworkers Union of Zambia to help make the stay of

expatriates of any colour as happy

In this respect problems

recruitment of expatriate staff for the mines cannot be attributed to

race relations difficulties, especially when Mr Ashford says anti-whitism incidents are rare (in fact they are non-existent). Otherwise the article should enlighten those

who have been fed with falsehoods by publications which choose to

Hill View, Priors Marston, Rugby. March 17. paint a bad picture of the race relations in Zambia.

As for shortages of certain commodities, the situation is best explained in Mr Ashford's words.

"Their (whites) standard of living certainly compares favourably with most European countries. Yours faithfully, L. H. SHAMOYA,

High Commission for the Republic of Zambia, Zambia House 7-11 Cavendish Place, WL

Seal culling

From Mr Spike Milligan

Sir, In Mr Simon Reiss's defence
of the seal killing (The Times,
March 14) not once does he refer
to the conservationists' basic resemment, and that is the reason for the killing. of baby seals, and the only reason they are killed is because their fur is white. Can because their rur is white. Can any real feeling, rational human being defend the destruction of a young life because of the colour— isn't this, in fact, colour prejudice with a death penalty on it? I remember a letter once from the British Fur Traders Association

(circa 1940 Times of India), defend-ing the killing of Bengal tigers to protect the herds of the Indian natives in Bengal. Now that animal is on the Endangered Species List. Any questions? Sincerely, SPIKE MILLIGAN,

9 Orme Court, W2. March 16.

Trade with Japan From Mr R. P. Bower

as possible.

Sir, Having been the Canadian ambassador in Japan in the midsixties, I was particularly interested in the article by Richard Harris in The Times of February 24 entitled "The Japanese see a European Failure in their Success". I found the article extraordinarily good, and I take exception to no part of it. While the problems faced by Canada in its trade with Japan are not identical with those of the United Kingdom and the EEC, there is one problem common to the whole of the Western world's trade relations with that country, which must be resolved if frictions of the

must be resolved it frictions of the type nobody wishes to see are to be avoided. This is the matter of Equality of Opportunity.

The Japanese rightly resent action by the Western industrialized powers in restricting imports from Japan simply because the Japanese have succeeded in doing so many things more efficiently than they do themselves. These restrictions cannot be justified whether they take the form of import quotas or so called "voluntary restraints". Such impediments are almost invariably contrary to the terms as well as the spirit of the GATT and they do not get to the real core of the problem.

The West has missed the real

point. What the Western industrialized powers have the right to expect, is that where their manufacturers are able to compete with Tapanese industry on the Japanese market they should be given the same opportunity to do so, as the Japanese iusist on having in Western markets. For example, at a time when Japanese exports to Canada of a variety of commodities from tableware to television tubes were actually driving some Canadian industries out of existence, Canadian exporters of a wide range of manufactured goods were either excluded entirely from the Japanese marker or given only severely restricted

access to it. If the West is to accept freely those goods of Japanese origin which can seriously compete with home produced goods, then Japan must be prepared to do the same where Western exports are concerned. It is not a question of "Balance of Trade"—it is a question of "Balance of Opportunity".

tunity ". It would be a grave mistake for the West to try to solve the prob-lem posed by competition from efficient Japanese industry by erecting barriers against it, and the Japanese are perfectly right to protest any moves in this direction. What the West must do is face up to the competitiveness of many Japanese industries and either meet Japanese incoming and cine. In the threat by improving domestic efficiency, or insist that where their goods can legitimately compete on the Japanese market, they be allowed to do so.

The one acceptable exception to following the recommended course is where dumping is involved. There are provisions for dealing with this under the GATT of course, but the full implementation of the "Balance of Opportunity" formula, would eliminate many complaints under this heading. For example, where Japan has restricted importation of many manufactured items from abroad, the local manufacturers, because of their virtual monopoly of the bome market, have been able to make enough money on domestic sales to finance dumping overseas and so to secure the economies of

large scale production.
In short, the policy of the West should be not to interfere with the importation of efficiently produced goods offered by Japan, but to link this willinguess to accept them with the insistence that where Western manufacturers could be competitive in Japan, they be given reciprocal treatment in that market. Yours faithfully. R. P. BOWER, Casa "El Peñon",

Cabo Blanco, Benisa, Spain.

Cannabis and the law

From Mr John Trevelyan

Sir, In his article on "Cannabis and the Law (March 17) Mr Ronald Burr makes some definite state-ments that are not supported, at least in the article, by statistical and factual evidence. For example, he writes: "In the past few years, quite suddenly, cannabis smoking in schools, and also in universities, which at the end of the sixties threatened to become an unstop-pable fashion and habit, has diminished to comparatively small pro-portions". Is this true or not true? Who has produced the facts that justify this statement, and how was the information obtained? Only recently I read that some girls at Roedean had been expelled for this reason, and if, as seems possible, there are cannabis smokers in schools and universities who have not been caught, how is Mr Butt to know what is going on? And if it is true, as I have also read, that many courts are now, with official encouragement, more lenient than they were in dealing with cases of caunabis possession, is it not possible that the police are less active

than they were in bringing charges? Similarly, in commenting on the results of the 1967 Abortion Act, Mr Butt, without quoting any statis-tics, implies that the Act has greatly increased the number of abortious. Is this true or not true? Who has produced the facts to justify this statement, and how was the in-formation obtained? Before the Act came into force there were large numbers of "hack street" abortions, at serious risk to the lives of the women concerned, and the Act must surely have done much to reduce those risks. Can Mr Butt know how many abortions of all kinds there were in 1965 to compare with the number in 1975?

The regularizing of abortion under the law must have greatly reduced the profits made previously from illegal abortions, and there is good reason to believe that the large profits made from the sale of porra-graphy, to which he refers, have been due, at least to some extent. to legal restrictions on its side which increase its attraction. Here, once again, Mr. Butt makes a statement without supporting it by staris-tical or factual evidence, when he claims that for this "we are paying a price in the rise of violent sexual crime". Is this true or not true?
What are the facts?

Mr Butt's statements may all be right, but such statements, unaumported by reliable evidence, are less convincing than they would be otherwise.

Yours faithfully, JOHN TREVELYAN. Rockwells Gardens. Dulwich Wood Park, SE19. March 17.

John Evelyn's library

From the Dean of Christ Church

Sir, The Secretary of State for Education and Science, in her recent Parliamentary answer, noted that Christ Church is among those who have made representations about the future of the library of the diarist John Evelyn. Christ Church is indeed greatly concerned shout the fute of the library of this great seventeenth century Englishman, which until recently was held by the college on derosit. The governing body of Christ Church has expressed the readiness of the college to house maintain of the college to house, maintain and make accessible the contents of the library.

Christ Church has always boned that an answer could be found which would safeguard the interests of the Evelyn Trustees, prevent the dispersal of part of our netional heritage, and ensure the library's accessibility for the future. We still hope that a solution can be found. Yours faithfully, RENRY CHADWICK, The Desnery, Christ Church,

From Mrs David Price

March 17.

Sir, As a direct descendant of John Evelyn, the diarist, I was encouraged to read the letter from Lord Kenyon, Mr Warner and the Friends of the National Libraries (March 3) seeking support for safeguarding the future of the Evelyn Library as an entity.

Let there be no doubt that it would be a needless act of literary vandatism to disperse this unique collection of Aeventeenth-century baoks if it could be saved.

I trust therefore that the trustees responsible will respond favourably to Lord Kenyon's appeal before it is too late. Yours faithfully.

ROSEMARY EVELYN PRICE, 35 Sloane Court West, SW3.

Exit the cream cracker

From Miss Ruth M. Marsden Sir, What would the French say if

we interfered with their language? Cream, in English, has two meanings. One is a milk product, the other a soft, thick, cohesive mass as in Furniture Cream, Shaving Cream, Ice Cream, Peppermint Creams. There is no confusion, no Ineed for an expensive change in

Yours faithfully, RUTH M. MARSDEN, 281 Billing Road East, Northampton. March 15.

From Mrs Jean Hutchinson

Sir, "Who supposes . . . that cheesecake is made out of cheese?"why all my recipes, both American and English, including one by your own Katie Stewart, use either cream or cottage cheese, though the name of the latter is probably not now permitted. Dare I ask what they use in Printing House Square? Not, I hope, a dubious packet labelled "Instant Mix"

Yours faithfully, JEAN HUTCHINSON. Thorncliffe Drive, Cheltenham, March 17.



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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

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March 18: His Excellency
Monsieur Zivan Berisavljevic was
received in audience today by The
Princess Margaret. Countess of
Snowdon and The Duke of
Cloucester. Counsellors of State
aving on behalf of The Queen.
and presented the Letters of
Recall of his predecessor and his
own Letters of Credence as
Anthassador Extraordinary and
Penipotentiary from the Socialist
Federal Republic of Yugostavia to
the Court of St James's.
His Excellency was accompanied
by the following members of the
Emhassy who had the honour of
being received by Their Royal
Highnesses: Monsieur Vladislay
Jovanovic (Minister Counsellor),
alonsieur Vickoslay Lorina Minister Counsellor), Monsieur Jovan
Promeru (Counsellor, Press and
Cultural Affairs), Monsieur Petar

ter Chunsellori, Monsieur Jovan Premeru (Counsellor, Press and Coltural Affairs), Monsieur Petar Boskovic (Counsellor, Scientific Affairs), Monsieur Moncilo Raicetic (Counsellor, Consular Affairs), Colonel Alilos Surian (Defance Attachet, Monsieur Radoslay Maksimuvic (Second Scientary) and Madame Ana. Marija Besker (Second Scientary) Madage Berisaullevic had the honour of being received by The Princess Margaret. Countess of Gloucester.

Cloucester.

Sir Andrew Stark (Deputy Inder-Secretary of State for Fweign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the homour of hoing received by Their Royal litchnesses, was present and the Combenen of the Household in Waiting were in art. ndance.

The Queen was represented by Marshal of the Royal Air Force Murshal of the Royal Air Force Sir William Dickson at the filemorial Service for Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Andrew Humpurey (Chief of the Defence Staff and Air Aide-de-Camp to Her Majestvi which was held in Westminster Abbey today.

memorial service for Major F. C. R. Specificid will be held in the Grustenor Chapet, South Judiev Street, W1. on Wedges-day, March 30, at 11.30 am.

25 years ago From The Times of Tuesday, March 18, 1952

German inquiry delay

From Our Own Correspondent Boon, March 17.—The United Nations commission to investigate hother conditions exist for the holding of free, democratic and scret elections in Germany got off 1) a bad stort on its first working o.y in Bonn. General Chnikav. chairman of the Soviet Control Commission, has not realled to the two requests for facilities to carry "= Inquiry in costern Cormany and the eastern sector of Berlin; and Mr Christian Albertson, chair-tion of the United Nations comnum of the United Nations com-nission, said this evening that if the commission was demind facili-ties there is could not carry out its invasibilities in the Fuderal Repub-ic. Lefer the commissioners were teceived by Dr. Adenauer, the Conrection, and his Califfer at the Paleis Schaumburg. The Chan-cellor gave the assurance that the United Nations commissioners would be given every chance in carry out their inquiry in the Fed-eral Republic. Efforts to achieve reanion through all-German elec-tions had hitherto broken down, the Chancellor, said, because the Chancellor, said, because rounion could be bought only at the price of giring up those democratic freedoms which had been

Memorial service

robed and in the conctuary. Lord

Trevelyan read the lesson and

Marshal of the RAF Lord

Elworthy gave an address. During

the service Sir Andrews
Humphrey's orders and decorations
were borne to the sacrarium by
Wing Commander N. Haywood.
Commander N. J. Hill Norton and
Lieutenant Colonel N.
H. Clements.

The Prime Minister was repre-

sented by Dr John Gilbert, the Leader of the Opposition by Air Winston Churchill, MP, and the

Winston Churchill, MP, and the leader of the Liberal Party by Lord Mackie of Benshie. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster and the Lord Mayor of London, accompanied by Mr Alderman and Sheriff Alan Lamboll, artended. Others present included:

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of purpose; neither advance a man's fortune in the world nor render him a more valuable member of society; neither qualify him for entertainment of company nor increase his powers of self-enjoyment."
So said David Hume, thereby casting an entertainingly condid light upon himself. We can grin breadly and agree: given the sufficiency of the implied values, the conclusion certainly follows. If a man's prime concern is to cet rich, or inflate corn is to get rich, or inflate the GNP, or be a social success, he will be ill-advised to become a monk, or even to govern his worldly life (as many do) by the rule and spirit of St Benedict. The mon-kish virtues certainly do not surve such purposes as those.

It does not follow, however, that they serve no manner of purpose; and now that an ironical accident of history has caused Hume's name to be carwho is a'so a mont, this may be a good moment for reassessing them. Which Hume is right? Does monasticism have

winners in

women's bridge

By Our Bridge Correspondent

In a field containing five members of the British women's team, holders of the European bridge championship, Mrs A. Flood and Mrs N. Sinckle, a comparatively unknown pair from surrey, won the Euglish Bridge Union's women's pairs championship at the Penta Hotel Lundon over four sessions.

llotel. London, over four sessions on Wednesday and Thursday.

In an exciting finish, where only 12 points covered the four tup places, their margin of victory was one point over Miss M. Berman and Mrs B. Schapiro, of London.

RESULTS:

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Ministry of Defence
The United Kingdom Joint Chiefs
of Staff were hosts on Thursday
at a luncheon in honour of Admiral
of the Fleet Sir Peter Hill-Norton.
chairman, Afflicary Committee of
Nato. Among those present were:
Admirat of the Float Sir Edward Astronomers. Admirat Sir Forece Lovin.
General Sir Rolland Gibbs, Air Chief,
Marshall Sir Rolland Gibbs, Air Chief,
Marshall Sir Not Campron, Sir Frank
Cooper, and Constal Sir David Trance.

The President of the Law Society, Mr David Napley, yesterday gave a luncheon in honour of Sir Denis Dobson, QC, at 60 Carey Street. Others present included:

The Lord Christellor, the Master of the Hells, Mr Lord Christellor, the Waster of the Hells, Mr Lord Christellor, Mr Robert Prop. Mr W. J. Brown and Mr J. L. Bowron.

The angual dinner of the Apple-

Austrian Society was held yester-day evening at the House of Commons. The Mayor of Vienna with Mine Grats, the Lord Mayor of London, accompanied by the

Lady Mayoress, the Sheriffs and birs A. Colin Cole and the chairmon of the GLC with Lady Ponsonby of Shulbreds were the guests of honour. Lord Caccia,

Hartard, Mrs H. L. Haylett, Mrs H. S.

Presenting the Diplomatic Sorrier, Ser Creek Rose, Sir Lester and Lady Mykes.

Bir Johns and Lady Wilson, Danne Anno Bryans (Order of St John and Red Cross Hospital Walfara and Caluntary Aid Detachment: Sir Genfirey Arthur, Lady Bottomier, Lady Choshire, Sir David Collins, Sir Cortice and Lady Edwards, Lady Evans, State Could and Charleston, Co. Sir John and Lady Sir Long Chockier, Sir Bavid Collins, Sir John Richard States, Sir Richard Street, Lady Evans, State Could and Charleston, Co. Sir John Sir Richard Street, Sir Richard Turnbull, Lidy Boile, Marshal of the RAF Sir Thomas Pike (representing the Order of the Bailt) and Lady Pike, Marshal of the RAF Sir Thomas Pike (representing the Order of the Rain) and Lady Pike, Marshal of the RAF Sir Denis and Lady Spatished Sir John and Lady Charleston, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Lebrard and Lady Ashancer, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Sir Richard Follock, Field Varshal Sir Richard and Lady Lagran, All Chief Marshal Sir Richard Hall, Fleid Marshal Sir Richard Sir Novelle and Lady Lagran, Air Chief Marshal Sir Novelle and Lady Maveneri, Air Chief Marshal Sir Novelle and Lady Sarnett, Air Chief Marshal Sir Hong and Lady Constantine, Ai

Luncheons

Law Society

Dinners

Marabal of the RAF Sir Andrew Humphrey

The Queen was represented by Marshal of the RAF Sir William Dickson at a memorial service for Marshal of the RAF Sir Andrew Humphrey held yesterday in Westminster Abbey. The Dean of Westminster, the Very Rev Dr E. F. Carpenter, officiated, assisted by the Ven J. H. Wilson, Cliaplain-in-Chief (RAF), Canon Trevor Beeson and the Rev Roger Job, precentor, and sacrist. The Ven B. A. O'Ferrail, Chaplain of the Fieet, the Ven P. Mallett, Chaplain General to the Forces, and the Rev Colin McCarter were robed and in the sanctuary. Lord English of Siryane Siry John and Commonwealth Colines Sir John and Lady Wilson, Dametrial Siryane Hospital Control. Sir General to the Forces, and the Rev Colin McCarter were robed and in the sanctuary. Lord

in way: MP, 11.30, Caron R. TydeRight TOWER OF LENDON: HC,
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Apple-Austrian Society

By Christopher Dercick

The uncle train of monkish virtues . . serge no manner

today?

For those already committed to Christian and Carbolic belief, there is no problem: prayer is a prime duty and need of mankind at any time, member of society; neither need of managem at any qualify him for entertainment and the monk's dedication to a fit of company nor increase his life of prayer is self-justifying. But the question could be But the question could be tackled from the other end. Many people tend to be scepti-cal about God and prayer, but deeply concerned and even agonized about the problem of how human life can be decently and sustainably led in this world, never mind the next. Do the monkish virtues ofter anything to people su preaccupied? It might seem not. But when I was visiting a French abbey recently—a thriving abbey, firm in the Benedictine tradition, besieged by far more applicants than it can possibly take in-it can possibly take in it occurred to me that the stability, the arduous happiness, the mere goodness of its life car-ried a message even for the least religious of men.

The fact is that of the prob-

By Huon Mallalies

Ben Marshall is a popular sporting artist whose human subjects, as well as his horses, are full of life and character. Yesterday, in a sale of important English pictures at Christic's, a fine example of his work. "Mely Moloch", a chestnot coit belonging to Lord Darlington, dated 1803, sold to D. Peel, the London dealer, for \$55,000 (estimate \$50,000 to \$53,000).

The sale made a total of

The sale made a total of 5442,510, with 10 per cent bought in. partly accounted for by me fallure of an Egyptian scene by J. F. Levis. "Waiting for the ferry", at 57,500.

'A group of 15 Chinese scenes and southing the County Chinases.

and portraits by George Chimners sold well, two of them breaking the nuction record for his work of 'E17,830 established in 1973.

A very pretty portrait of a young Eurasian girl in Chinese dress went to Koblitz at £22.000 (astimate £10,000 to £12.000), and Spink paid £19,000 for a group of Chinese out-

president of the society, was in the chair. Among others present

Were .
The Austrian Anthessador with three Endorf and Sir William Bayter with Lady Mayter, patrons; Lady Caccia, Ser John Lundin-Helt. My chalman and Lady Lundord-Holt. Dr Waurer Willer, Mr. Mochelman, and We hiller, Mr. James Johnson, MP, and Min Johnson.

The Cambridge Medical Society held their annual difuner last night at Clare College, by permission of the Master and Fellows. The president, Dr Basil Haigh, was in the chair and Sir Harry Platt was the guest of honour.

London Edinburgh Academical,

Club
The annual dinner of the London
Edinburah Academical Club was
held at the Hotel Russell last night.
The president. Sir Lestie Monson.
was in the chair, and the guests
of honour were Dr H. H. Mills,
Rector of the Edinburgh Academy,
and Mr J. H. Bevan, Those present
included Lord Miuray of Newhaven, Sir Angus Gillan: Sir James
Dunnert, Major-General W. J.
Officer, and Dr W. P. D. Wightman.

Old Nottinghamians' Society

The annual dinner of the London branch of the Old Nottinguamians' Society was held last night at the

ST GEORGE'S, Hanever Semare: FC., 8,16; Suns Lucharist, 11 i Dariow in Ai, Rev D. M. Alkins, Mol. Cruckivus (Local).

ST GEORGE'S, Hanever Semare: FC., 816; Suns Lucharist, 11 i Dariow in Ai, Rev D. M. Alkins, Mol. Cruckivus (Local).

ST GILES-IN-THE-HILDS, SI GHES HIGH STREET INCOME. FOR ST. ALSS'S. PRECASIVE HER. 8,15; Enchariat, 9,15; Rev J. L. W. Reibbreson: Sung Lucharist, 11, Bet E. W. Reibbreson: Sung Lucharist, 11, Bet E. W. C. Thomason: E. O. Dev W. P. Lawleier. ST ALRICALTS. Westimp-ver; HC. 12,13; M. T. L. Ban 'Standard in Branched (Sang Lucharist). Device H. L. Lawleier. ST MARTINI-IN-THE-FF Lawleier. ST MARTINI-IN-THE-FF W. Wester: W. LI. JG. Rev A. Couch: E. O. 50. the W. L. W. Willier. W. Miller H. W. Killey Communion. W. S. Hay C. Wester: W. L. W. Willier. M. T. H. C. W. H. C. S. M. Rev B. L. W. Killey Communion. T. G. 50. the W. L. W. Willier. M. T. H. C. W. H. C. S. M. Rev B. L. W. Killey Communion. T. G. 50. Rev A. F. Davis. Dieß Maria: (Rasier). ST MARTINI-IN PROPERTY (Rasier). ST MARTINI

Cambridge Medical Society

any value and relevance for us lines which have been time- principle of decentralization, of Benedictine community sets us today?

tested and proved thoroughly local autonomy. Is there some a civilizing example. practical. Have we all gone thing upside-down in our cur. A broad message reaches crazy about transport, about rent attitudes to work, leisure, us from the cloister. We candashing from here to there, unemployment, and the like? not all be monks. But there is practical. Have we all gone with socially and economically and ecologically disastrous consequences? St Banedict attached high value to the vow of stability, the goodness of staying in one place. Are we buffled by the conflicting principles of order and freedom, of authority and democracy? The reluctantly elected abbot, governing gently under the Bene-dictine Rule, provides us with a perfect small-scale model of what government should be. Is our too-complex economy collapsing? Countless monas-teries put before us a wise example of local self-suffi-ciency. Do we ruin ourselves, economically and medicula too. by hyper-consumerism? To be a monk is to live rather abste-miously and for a long time. Do we suffer from the con-stant clash of extremisms? Rule dictates moderation and balance in all things, even in abstentiousness. Is over-conlems now troubling the world, a great many have already been solved by the monks, on the Benedictives chart the ceremoniousness of a good 'Unknown' pair | Sale of race horse painting for £55,000

emphasizes popularity of Ben Marshall

oy 9.50.

John Martin's well-known
"Balsbarrar's Feast" sold to
Jerdela for \$22,000 (estimate
fill.000 to \$15,000), and Agnew
paid \$12,000 for a Romney portrait of a buy (estimate \$5,000 to
\$2,000).

27,390).

The highest price among the group of Evelya family portraits was 29.500, poid by C. C'ibs for a portrait of Elizabeth Durcy, a system of the diarlet, attributed to John Parker (estimate 54.000 to 25.000).

At Sotheby's a sale of furniture moduced \$50,447, with less than 7 per cent unvold. Fredericks bought a William and Mary walnut marquetry cless on stand for \$2,000 (eximate \$500 ro \$1,201), and a William and Mary waster-vestered without chest for \$1,600 testinate \$700 to \$1,000).

The second day of the beek sale at Sotheby's made 516.343, and Sotheby's Belgravia suid

RAF Club. Mr J. Llewellyn was in the chair and the principal guests were the Readmaster of Notting-ham High School, the Headmaster of University College School and Sir Edward Lewis.

Old Tauntonian Association
The Old Tauntonian Association
held their annual dinner vesterday
at the Law Society's Hall. The
principal guests were the Master
of the Rolls, the Headmaster of
Taunton School and Mr L. C.
Mather. Mr N. Fox Bassett, president, was in the chair.

Service dinners

Royal Speec Resiment

The 'monkish virtues' that are relevant to our times nor yet as a personal enrite-ment. Are we teased by the dialectic of Left and Right, of capitalism and socialism? Tre voluntary communism of the monks offers us an example, a needed reproach as well. Has sex become a tyran-

nical obsession, as is suggested by every news-stand? Countless monks prove that one can achieve perfect freedom in this respect. Do we sometimes feel that we are drowning in ton many words, in too much gabbling chatter of books and newspapers and radio and television and all the rest of it? The cloister is a place of regular though not total silence, a healing place therefore. Is the world terrifyingly violent and contentions? The months are men of peace and brotherhood. Do we make life unly with

chamelled clear-glass snuff bottle of the Ch'ien Lung period.

of the United Ling period.

Charity sale: On Thursday evenling Princes Margaret attended a
gala antique auction at Keele
University, arranged by Staffordshire police, in aid of the Queen's
sliver jubilee appeal. The sale
was conducted by Julian Thompson, of Sothsby's, in conjunction
with Louis Taylor and Son, the
Hanley auctioneers.

The highest price was £300, paid

The fighest price was 2,500, pain for a Queen Anne silver tankard. A Wedgwood glass round-throat decaster engiated with the royal coat of arms, given by Princiss Margaret, made £170. The sale raised 54,399.

The Sixth Foot Dinner Club held their annual dinner at the Naval and Military Club yesterday evening. Brigadier H. C. Illing. president, attended.

The annual dinner of The Parachute Regiment Officers' Dinner Club was held vesterday evening at Claridee's hotel. General Sir Roland Gibbs, colonel command-

Field Marshal Sir Gerald Templer was guest of honour at the annual dinner of officers of the Intelli-gence Corps held last night at Simpson's in the Strand.

Colonel Commandant, Major General J. M. Gow, presided. Other guests included:

aut of the regiment presided.

The Parachute Regiment

intelligence Corps

Hanley auctioneers.

Sixth Foot

The Rule sets us right by a case for saying that David treating work as a positive Hume was perfectly, ideally, value, not as a mere affliction dissertously mistaken—that the mony yet as a personal entitle monkish virtues and values ment. Are we tensed by the (which we can all cultivate in our way) are of outstanding and precise relevance to our and precise referance to our present temporal problems. Something of this kind was said by Gandhi; something more precisely of this kind is now being said by Dr E. F. Schumacher, and he is nor

St Penedict emerged at a time of collapse and became one of history's great civilizers. a great expert at saving things from the wreck. We may need him again in just that capacity. But if we do, let us remember that his method depends on aiming off treget: if it creates or saves civilization, it does so by treating semething else to much more important than civilization, "Let nothing be given a higher priority than the public worship of God. He was a practical man, St

Forthcoming. marriages

Mr C. C. J. Copner and Miss C. N. Cooper
The engagament is aunounced between Caristopher, only son of Mr and Mrs D. J. T. Conner, of Brief Hill. Goodworth Clatterd, Andover, Humpsbire, and Crollne, only daughter of Mrs M. K. Cooper and the late Mr H. G. N. Cooper, FRCS, of Iver Lodge, Aldersey Road, Guildford, Surrey. Side a church at Macao (estimate extend) ivories, lacouer and \$5,000 to \$12,000). It measures 7 in Shibay and, making \$35,022, with by 9 in. On Thursday Sotheby Parke Bernet held the first part of a two-day sale of Chinese annif betiles, jades, ce maics and works of art, which produced \$45,323 (\$77,953). A Honekong dealer paid \$3,652 (\$5,230) for an

Mr J. G. Doulton and Mrs ML K. J. Burst The engagement is announced the engagement is amounted hetween James, roungest son of Mr and Mrs. J. R. Doulton, of Handi End, and Michelle, youngest daughter of Lir and Mrs. C. W. Burst, of Harrow Weald.

Mr M. G. Poster and Mrs M. F. Chambers and Miss M. F. Chambers
The enganzement is ameromiced
between Michael, only son of Mr
and Mrs S. B. Foster, of Tally Ho,
Bunny Hill. Costock. Nourinebanshire. and Marion, only daughter
of the Inte Mr Frank P. Chambers
and of the Rev Frances E. Chambers, of 44 Clive Avenue, Ipswich,
Suffolk.

Mr J. H. P. Griffith and Mrs G. S. Hodgson

The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place in October between John Huw Price Griffith, of Foys, Poptiam, Rampshire, husband of the late Jane Griffith, and Gardenia Sylvia Rodgson (nee Rose), of 53 Syke Imps, lyer, Bockinghamshire, widow of Rob Hodgson,

The engagement is announced between Robert George, son of Mr and Mrs G. W. R. Simpson, of Lymington, Hampshire, and Lindsay Catherine Ross, elder daughter of Colonel and Mrs A. R. Robertson, of Ascot Farm, Ascot, Berkshire.

The Rev Sir Herbert Andrew, 67; Lord Rakes. 76: Lord Glenkingias, 64; Sir Hildreth Glyn-Jones, 82; Sir Fener Massfield, 63: Sir Jeremy Raisman, 85; Mr Kenneth Robinson, 66: Sir Leonard Scopes, 63; Sir Wintrinzham Smble, 89; Mr Norman Yardley, 62. TOMORROW: Sir Arnold Burged, 55; Sir Arthur Driver,

77; Lieuwenant-General Sir Charles Geirdner. 79: Professor Sir Ashley Miles, 73; Sir Michael Redgrave, 69; Sir John E. Robinson, 82; Lord Strathclyde, 86.

Southwell Minster

A special service at Southwell Minster, today insugmates an appeal for £365,000 for fabric restoration and the musical foundation. The Lord Lieutenant of Notinghamshire. Commander Philin Francklin, and Mr L. Martin, general socretary, National Union of Mineworkers' Notting-bam Area, will read the lessons.

Felixstowe College The following additional entrance scholarships have been awarded: Louise Stamper, South Lee School; Kuth Tuckwell, St Cedd's School.

Latest wills Mrs Lydia Westwood, of Exmouth, left EB2,849 net. After personal and other bequests she left the residue equally between the RNIB and

OBITUARY

... MAULANA ABDUL MAJID

A leading spokesman for Islam

world as a leading spokesman for Islam. For 20 years he was Imam of the Mosque in Woking, Surrey. The Mosque, which was built in 1889, became the headquarters of the Woking Muslim Mission and Literary Trust founded by Khwaja Kamaluddin, Abdul Majid joined the Mission in 1926 and also became editor of The Islamic Review, which for a long time was the only journal in the English language on

ted with sectarian attitudes and leanings, Abdul Majid himse'f always steered an orthodox and middle-of-the-road course. He was passionately concerned vita improving the impro in the Vest of the religion and culture of Islam, and encouraging converts. He preached a

nationalism, particularly in North Africa and Palestine.

Abdul Majid was interested in the promotion of better relations between Britain and the Muslim world. During World War-II be edited for the Ministry of Information in London two weekles in the years. don two weeklies in the verna-cular for Endian troops and seamen, and used the proceeds to keep the Woking Mission

him as a man of abundant bumenity and charity and as a gentle, self-effacing and tirales worker for his fellows, of all religious.

MR A. D. BROWNE

bridge, from 1952 to 1965, died on March 16 at the age of 87.

was born on May 8, 1889, the third son of Thomas Gillespie Chapman Browne, of Bromley, Kent. He was educated at Tonbridge School before entering Queens' College, Cambridge, in October, 1908. After graduating as a scholar with a second class in the mechanical sciences tripos of 1911, he immediately joined the Clyde shipb. Wing works of Mesors Yarrow as an apprentice. Three years liver, on the outbreak of war, be was commissioned in the RGA, and vaw continuous service in France until the armistice. He was invited to return to Cartwas invited to return to Cartbefore in order to assist the
staff of the University depriment of engineering in the difficult days of norther reorganization. In 1921 he was
elected a (life) Fellow of
Queens' and also made its
Director of studies in mechani-Director of studies in mechanical sciences. Under the statutes of 1926 he was given a University Lectureship, which post he he'd until his retirement, under the acc-limit, in 1954. The in-tervening years saw Browne en-traced with various college offices, for, after a period as junior bursar, he became utra and eventually senior turns, where he revealed to a marked

holders of these exacting posts. Finally, upon the death of Tro-fessor A. B. Cook in 1952, e LORD BRAYLEY

degree that peculiar combina-

on of qualities which in every

college adorus the successful

The Hon Ewen Montagu, QC, May I pay tribute to a facet of Lord Brayley's life and neers died character not covered in your age of 71. obituary notice?

I had at my disposal an all too small fund from which to help some of those who had been before the Court and had diffi-culty in re-establishing themselves. From time to time there was a man who, either on pro-bation or frequently on emergence from a prison sentence, had a real chance either to reestablish himself in society or to turn for the first time for many years to a completely honest life—but needed a sub-stantial capital sum.

I knew that in any really deserving case I had only to ask Desmond Brayley and he would, invariably anonymously, provide me with the required sum.

There are many excellent citizens today who, quite un-knowingly, owe their happiness in life and Usefulness to society to Lord Brayley.

Mr John Ignatius Armstrong, Australian High Commissioner in London from 1972 to 1975, died on March 1972 to 1975, died on March 10 at the age of 58. A Labour Schator from 1938 to 1962, he was Minister for Munitions and later Minister for Surply and Development in the Chifley Labour Government of 1946-19. He was I and Mayor of Sydney from 1965 to 1967.

Mr Dennis Lovel! Randolph Riding Auton. OBE. died on March 4 former and not on February 4 as stated. NFU.

was appointed vice-president of

the College.
As an engineer Browne made valuable contributions to 'op-temporary knowledge in die field of ship vibration, on one necession crossing the Atlantic in a Cunarder in order personsily to test, under sea-going and dispress the behaviour of his instruments located in various parts of the vessel. Himself a former college oarsman, some years later he was responsible for the invention of a machine which, when placed under notes seek recorded the rate of acceleration of eights and other ratio. For west after year Browne's large figure was a femilier sight at Herley, Comparatively late in life, to bes delight be was elected to man-For more than three decries Onecne creas owed much to his encouragement and advice.

Browne's keen interest in history and in art was brought into prominence in 1948 when, in connection with the animen-Interesting with amorner fellow of the College, Dr C. T. Sek-man), he published, privately and at panks expense to pitte self. an illustrated folio, History

He was gratified by various college celebrations of ha ricularly by the presentation . I a si'ver salver by old frient's to mark the conclusion of first 60 years" as a member of the College. He had just ma-sented to the Library hershiph; collection of books about Call bridge, and prints and pictures

of Oueens'.

MR T. G. NOBLE

Mr P. U. Graham writes:
Mr T. G. Noble, one-time organ scholar of Balliol College and major in the Royal Engineers, died on March 10 at the

***** 0** 7.

Tommy Noble joined the Gos, During my many years as Litht and Coke Company in chairman of Middlesex Sessions 1928 as a research chemist and from then until his retirement in 1970 he worked on problems as diverse as the flueing of appliances and the disposal of industrial effluents, topics in which he made a significant and lasting contribution.

An extremist by nature, he

had little time for compromise, a characteristic that established for him a reputation as a seeker of perfection, particularly in the

written word. His death has sent a ripple of nostrigie and sadoess through the gas industry that has reached not only his contemporaries but also those col-leagues of a later, generation in whose work he took especial interest and for whom he set high standards of performance and conduct.

MR J. D. COOKE.

Mr John Digby Cooke, of Mount Pleasant Farm, Bishop Burton, Beverley, chairman of the Yorkshire Rural Community Council, died on March 14. He was 76.

A leading figure in the farming community, he was at the time of his death county treasurer of the East Riding branch of the National Farmers' Union, a post he had held continuously since 1948. He was an alderman on the old East Riding County Council and a former county chairman of the

Science report

Remote sensing: Seeing in the dark

times less than in strong sunlight and yet the eye can accommodate to both situations. At extremely low light levels, however, the number of photons, particles of light, entering a tiny region of the retira is extremely small and their statistical fluctuations become important: that has the effect that the eye becomes unable to distinguish detail.

To overcome that difficulty electronic devices known as image-intensifiers have been developed in which incoming photons strike

in which incoming photons strike a special material and knock out an electron. Under the influence of an electric field more electrons are produced, which are directed

screen.

Indee intensifiers improve on the performance of the eve in three ways; they can be made larger and so collect more light; they can be made sensitive to light in the near infrared region, a "colour" where at night there

more electrons as it bounces off the walls.

Millions of these tubes, each with a diameter of a hundredth of a millimetre, arranged in a musaic less than a millimetre thick can be placed in front of a single image intensifier to produce a device that increases the brightness by a factor of 100,000 and yet is compact enough to be built into lightweight goggles.

An alternative approach to see

10 Overcome that difficulty it is necessary either to have an array of detectors kept at extremely low temperatures or to use a small number of detectors with nearly identical characteriswith nearly identical characteristics and to some them mechanically
to build up a picture. Thermal
imaging devices of both types now
exist, but the technique is still in
its lafancy and great improvements can be expected in the
future if research into suitable
materials is successful. compact enough to be built into lightweight goggles.

An alternative approach to seeing in the dark is to detect the thermal radiation emitted by objects. Thermal radiation consists of photons in the infrared region of the spectrum where the eye is insensitive. There are far more infrared photons given off than visible photons reflected from an object even in bright sunlight; intensity of radiation is therefore and a difficulty, but courtest is. The difference in temperature beliveen objects in a scene is in r. Nature-Times News Service, 1977.

Professor Musa Mazzawi writes: liberal and modern interpreta-Maulana-Abdul Majid, who died in London on March 1, at the age of 50, will be remem-bered in the Eoglish-speaking world as a leading spokesman defended the cause of Arab

Islamic topics circulating throughout the world.

Although the Wolling Mission was at times said to be associa-Abdul Majid was a person of profound learning and compen-dious knowledge of literature and languages (with university derrees from Germany and India, where he was born). His many friends will remember

Mr A. D. Prowne. Vice-Presis deat of Queens' College, Cam-

Archibald Douglas Browne

Air R. G. Simpson and Aliss L. C. R. Robertson

Rirthdays today.

Rail-Admical B. C. Perotene, Group Lapialn D. A. bladder, Whon Con-cander D. G. Like, Liou-mont-Com-minder R. H. Morrusm, Dr. J. Am McDonald and Maior A. C. Davidson Holland.

The annual dinner of Fleet Air Arm flag officers and captains was held last night at the Royal Naval Air Station. Yeovithen. The principal guest was Admiral Str John Treacher, Commander-in-Chief Fleet and the Flag Officer Naval Air Command. Rear-Admiral J. O. Roberts, presided. The annual dinner of the Royal RAF Dinner Club Sussex Regiment Officers Club Air Chief Mai Air Chief Marshal Sir Nell was guest of honour at the annual dinner of the RAF Dinner Club held last night at the Park Lane Hotel. Air Commodors J. Langston presided.

was need yesterday evening at Arundel Caste. Colonel G. J. Langridge presided and the guests included Major-General the Duke of Norfolk and the Netherlands Ambassador.

Admiral and Mrs C. A. W. Westinn, Major-General G. L. C. Cooper, Major-General T. M. Cruayey, Valor-General P. A. Downward, Usior-General P. Guleti, Major-General and Mrs P. T. Sover, Major-General and Mrs T. L. Major-Willer, Major-General and Mrs T. L. Major-Willer, Mrs. M. D. W. B. Patter, Tajor-General J. T. Salance, Major-General J. Swinton, Major-General Arts J. H. Walsh,

Dioregeneral J., Swinion, Major-Gorel and Mrs J. H., Walsh, Ar Commodore A. C. Deere 1845 Search and Mrs J. H., Walsh, Ar Commodore A. R. D. Marchonell (Earlie of British Fisher Association) and Mrs Nacchaell, Air Commodore C. R. J. Marchonell, Right Atheory C. R. J. Marchaell, Air Commodore C. R. J. Marchaell, Air Commodore C. R. J. Marchaell, Air Commodore A. R. Commodore A. R. Commodore A. R. J. Marchaell, A. J. Marchaell, Breadist L. J. Nolan, Brigadist J. O. E. Marchaell, Breadist L. J. Nolan, Brigadist J. O. E. Marchaell, Breadist L. J. Nolan, Brigadist J. O. E. Marchaell, Breadist L. J. Nolan, Brigadist J. O. E. Marchaell, Breadist L. J. Nolan, Brigadist J. O. E. Marchaell, Breadist L. J. Nolan, Brigadist J. O. E. Marchaell, Brigadist J. Crydo Capitalis L. E. Robins, Group Capitalis L. B. Marchaell, G. Reepistes, Livil-vani-General Delecte, General Linders, London, Livilenani-General Baron and Baroness Donnet, Capitalis N. General Arabour A. Crekillis, Goneral E. J. General and Mrs M. Karnett Marchaell, Commodor and Mrs Mrs M. Rarnett Mrs and Mrs Mrs M. Rarnett Mrs and Mrs Mrs Mrs Arther Mrs and Mrs Mrs Mrs Arther Mrs and Mrs Mrs Mrs Arther Mrs and Mrs Mrs Mrs Mrs Arther Mrs and Mrs Mrs Mrs Arther Mrs and Mrs Mrs Mrs Arther M

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and Airmen's Families Association: Aur Vice-Varshal Sir Aian and Lafy Bother, Ar Vice-Varshal Sir Cooling and Lafy Bother, Ar Vice-Varshal Sir Cooling and Lafy Bother, Sir Cooling and Lafy Ward. As Association: Sir Geoffrey Worthington, Valor-Geograf Sir Politics and Lafy Ward. Aslor-Geograf a the Society of Sirate for Northern Irvand. Aslor-Geografia and Mrs W. G. Proof. An Michael and Mrs R. W. Yloe-Marshal and Mrs R. Vice-Marshal and Mrs R. Vice-Marshal and Mrs R. Vice-Marshal and Mrs R. S. Parke. As Vice-Marshal an

and Lady Ball.

Air Marshal Sir Michael and Lady Schaim, Air Marshal Sir Michael and Lady Schaim, Air Marshal sir Iyop and Lady Schaim, Air Marshal sir Iyop and Lady Broom, Air Marshal sir Karty and Lady Burion, Air Marshal Sir Karty and Lady Burion, Air Marshal Sir Schaim and Lady Character of the Control of the Contro

ST VIDAST, Poster Lane, \$31, 21, Canon (Prench-Revision).

ST COLUMBA'S Church of Scotlands Pont Screet: 11, Or Sloat, 6.30, Rev P. S. Kirby.

ST MAINTEGORN, PERISH CALLERY, ST. ALLEY, ST. 11. Rev P. Harring (Doverage Language). B. St. 11. Rev P. Harring (Doverage Language). St. 12. Rev P. Harring (Doverage Language). St. 13. Rev P. S. 15. and 7.13 pm; M. 11. Rev T. S. 15 and 7.13 pm; M. 11. Rev T. S. 15 and 7.13 pm; M. 11. Rev T. S. PAULUS, Wilson Piace, Knightishridae; HC, S. and S: SS. 11. Rev T. S. PAULUS, Wilson Piace, Knightishridae; HC, S. and S: SS. 11. Rev T. S. 17. Rev.
Today's engagements

Sington, 3.

Duily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition, 10-9.

Silver jubilee exhibition: "The Queen's Pictures", the Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace,

building, salisetting demonstra-tions and competitions, Picketts Lock, Edmonton, 10,30-6,30. London with: Bankside, Shake-speare, London, meet Southwark Cathedral steps, London Bridge, 3.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother plants tree in Windsor Great Park. 12.
Oxford and Cambridge boat rase, Putney to Mortlake. 1.
City of London art exhibition, Guildhall. 10-5 (final day).
Sevenoals Antiques and Collectors Fair, Elizh's Huttel, High Street. Sevenooks. 10.20-5.20.
Lecture: Dreling under the Antartic ice, British Museum (Natural History), South Kensingson, 3.

Tomorrow

Gallery, Durange Company of an electric field more electrons are produced, which are directed on to a fluorescent surface creating an image as on a television of the company of the compa

the difference in temperature between objects in a scene is in general rather small; the radiation emitted by different objects is

Scenes many thousand times too faint to be detected with the cyc can now be made visible because of the advances in electronic instrumentation made over the past few years, according to Dr. Schagen, of the Mullard Research Laboratories.

The eye "sees" objects by detecting light reflected off them. It has a rentarkable range of sensitivity; the amount of light reflected from an object illuminated by bright startight is 00 million times less than in strong sunlight and yet the eye can accommodate to horh situations. At extremely low light levels, however, the number of these tubes releasing on the property of the same and the same. Although devices that convert the infrared radiation to visible light can be made, it is extremely difficult to make them are by weak starlight can be made to appear as if it is in bright sunlight. The arrangement is rather bulky but can be reduced in size by using channel electron individual elements will be larger than the differences between the radiation they are detecting and the reduced in size by using channel electron they are detecting and the reduced in size by using channel electron to that seen through a dirty field applied across its ends causes with an electron entering one end to acceptable to both situations. At extremely low temperatures or to the walls.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Bank cuts MLR to $10\frac{1}{2}$ pc ind acts to curb foreign speculators in new stock

rther cut in the Bank of reland's minimum lending te, from 11 to 101 per cent, further sharp drop in interest new approach to the selling rates ahead of the Budget. government debt in the form an £800m offer of partly paid

ents came in mid-afternoon hen the Bank announced that the cost of bank overdrafts strong probability in the near

How soon the clearing banks ove to cut base rates will obably depend on how marits perform on Monday morng. If there are signs of ner-usness ahead of the vote of nfidence in the Government feels that this year's new-found 1 Wednesday—this, of course, then followed by the Budget e following Tuesday—the anks may choose to wait for little rather than act

Any further cut in base rates ill inevitably increase the ressure on the building sociees to cut their rates. The 12. er cent gross equivalent reurn they currently offer inestors compares with 6½ per
ent offered by the banks for
maller deposits and money
narket rates on larger sums
hat have now slipped below
10 per cent. The societies will
not however, he making any not, however, be making any move before their next monthly meeting in mid-April.

Present money market rates would, in fact, normally have led to a still larger fall in MLR yesterday. Under the market-related formula for fixing MLR. the average rate of alloument at yesterday's heavily over-subscribed Treasury bill tender of 9.3520 per cent should have led to a cut of a full 1 per cent in MLR to 10 per cent

Talks clear

By Richard Allen

anxiety on

Lavennam

Disappointment by institu-

ional investors over Sir James Goldsmith's decision to drop

uls 120p a share bid for the ninority shareholding in Sevenham has apparently les-

ened as a result of secret

ins a 6 per cent holding in

avenham revealed yesterday hat it had already had "cor-

ial preliminary discussions of the Sir James and that a series of meetings to talk about the

uture of the Cavenham group

Also yesterday the indepen-

which is 51 per cent owned by Sir James's French master com-

realed that pre-tax profits for he year to March 2 should be

In a statement to share-

colders, the directors also gave

efforts to gain complete con-trol of the British group. They said GO's advisers were

prepared to bid as high as 140p a share while the Cavenham ad-

visers, Samuel Montagu, who had earlier recommended a

that the directors were willing to negonate below that price.

GO, however, was not prepared to go above 140p. According to Prudential this

week's preliminary meeting took place entirely on Sir James's initiative and, appar-

ently, went some way to remov-ing institutional anxiety over

the future prospects for Caven

majority were cut.

ham. Institutional holders had

worried about the vola-

How the markets moved

of 180p-200p, intimated

directors of Cavenham

Générale Occidentale re-

vere being planned.

138.8m against £34.7m

neerings this week.
Prudential Assurance, which

John Whitmore invoke the new regulatory pro-An active day in financial cedures it announced the pre-arkets yesterday brought a vious week, enabling it to lower of the cut in the Bank of MLR to the level of its own choice. It also made it clear that it does not wish to see a

This was "signalled" by its move to force the discount schequer stock, and tax houses to borrow from it for easures to deter speculative seven days at the old MLR of erseas buying of the new 11 per cent.

The Bank's stance on interest The first of these developerates continues to be that the ents came in mid-afternoon pace of decline should, ideally, then the Bank announced that be no more than moderate. But was cutting MLR by a half it has had considerable diffiint to 101 per cent. This, and culty imposing its wishes on the
ore especially the further market this year—partly besing of money market rates,
ow makes a further reduction hold down the exchange rate at the same time—and still takes the view that caution is essen-

> Until the balance of payments moves closer to a basis of consistent surplus and until a satisfactory conclusion is reached on the form of the next round of incomes policy, it confidence in sterling must be treated as an extremely delicate

> While trying to reestablish rather firmer control over short term interest rates through its money market moves yesterday, its attempt to gain a stronger hold over longer term rates came in the form of a new "tap" stock—after a seven-week period in which there has tup" stock in the

> However, because the authorities have no wish to sell a large quantity of gilts at present -money supply growth is already some way below target it is making the stock partly

Applicants for the stock— Exchequer 124 per cent, 1992, offered at £96 per cent—will at first have to pur up only £15 per cent. Calls for the balance will fall inside the Government's next financial year, decision to call for a "no con-counting rowards the 1977-78 fidence" vote in the Govern-targets for domestic credit ex-ment. By the close the FT

At the offer price, the flat yield is 12.76 per cent and the gross redemption yield 12.85 per cent. This is right in line with comparable existing stocks.

Although partly-paid govern

issued in recent years, they are not without precedent. War stock 3 per cent, for instance, was a partly-paid stock, issued in 1940. The partly-paid mechanism is, however, widely used with other stock issues and, in the right conditions, tends to attract heavy stag-

ging ".

The authorities are, however, clearly keen that the stock does not attract heavy investment from overseas speculators. This is partly because they wish to retain control over the stock and partly because they are not keen to attract "hot" money into the country.

To make the stock less aptrac tive to overseas investors, the authorines have, therefore, removed the concession whereby a foreign holder can facility will not, however, be withdrawn on existing stocks, nor will it apply on the new stock where it would rin con-trary to double taxation agreeunder international law.

In the foreign exchange market, there was some selling of sterling, which pushed the pound down to \$1.7150, but imited intervention by the Bank of England was enough to push it back up to \$1.7172 at the close against \$1.7190 on Thursday. Uncertainty about the proposed vote of no confidence in the Government next week was cited as one cause

of selling.

The MLR cut and the slight easing in the pace of inflation helped equities to regain part about by the Opposition's decision to call for a "no conment. By the close the FT pansion and money supply. The Index was still 5.3 off at 428.5, calls come on April 25, for £40 a gain of 12.7 on the week.

CU bid values Estates House at £50.9m

Commercial Union has taken what the market regards as the first of two or maybe three steps towards improving its solvency margin with an agreed £50.9m bid for Estates House Investment Trust.

Terms of the offer are 231

CU shares for every 100 EHIT ordinary and 50 CU shares for every 57 cumulative preference

shares in EHIT.

At the paper offer price the proposed bid values each EHIT ordinary at 291.1p per share and 110.5p per share for the

Also, a group of leading mer-chant banks, comprising Klein-wort Benson, Baring Brothers, Lazards and J. Henry Schroder Wagg, has underwritten each CU ordinary share at 114p in cash, valuing the EHIT ordinary at 263.3p per share and 100p for each preference. At the cash offer price the aggregate value of the offers is £46.1m. It is estimated that the comparable net tangible assets attri-

amounted to 263.25p per share. CU is likely to go ex-dividend during the course of the bid, which it is believed would add a further 4p to the value of the insurance company's share offer

acquisition of EHIT. which was put together by merging the 19 investment and dealing companies left after the decline of the late Sir Denys Lowson's financial empire, improves CU's margin of solvency by 4 per cent to 35.2 per

But the market is wondering whether this is enough. CU was emphatic yesterday that it is nowhere near the point where it would need to raise fresh capital. But it is still treated as a capital rather than an

insurance share. This issue takes CU a third of the way toward the average industry margin of 48 per cent.

The deal will also raise around £10.3m for Slater, Walker Securities, its investbutable to ordinary EHIT share- ment trusts and discretionary holders on March 14 last clients,

Three executives quit farm export council in NFU row

Lord Glenkinglas, chairman of the British Agricultural Export Council, last night launched a bitter attack on the National Farmers' Union, and promptly resigned from the council.

His action came after a stormy meeting of the council.

Attacking at accused the NFU of sabotaging its efforts to build a strong central body to promote British farm exports, by withdrawing an offer of a £35,000 grant.

His action came atter a stormy meeting of the council in London, and was followed by the resignation of the directorgeneral, Mr John Perrin, and the deputy chairman, Mr Dean

Swift.
Their action threatened the tility in the share and afraid Cavenham might have to sell soe French interests if the GO virtual collapse of BAEC, the only national export organizarion for agriculture.

"so silly it is unbelievable " he said many export opportunities would be lost because there could not be an effective BAEC only people to get pleasure from it will be our overseas

The Times index: 174.94—1.29 The FT index: 428.5-5.3

which claimed that Japanese imports had achieved a high level of penetration in the United Kingdom market, that the five biggest producers had been forced to cut their prices to compete with dumped imports, and that employment in the domestic industry was threatened. UK grants spur orders British industry received about £10.9m in February in

over the next two months. " The competitors", he asserted.

CBI wants one-year price law limit

day by the Confederation of British Industry to the Government of its extreme opposition to a new system of price controls if no concessions were made to industry.
This could mean that indus-

trialists might refuse to serve as members of the revamped Price Commission proposed in new legislation soon to be placed before Parliament by Mr Roy Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consu-

In two hours of tough talking with Mr Hattersley yesterday a CBI team led by Mr Ronald Uriger, managing director of British Aluminium, insisted that the new legislation should have a life of only one year. This was because they regarded price controls as a quid pro

Concession

on inflation

accounting

A first public admission of

the need for major changes in

the Exposure Draft on current

cost inflation accounting, pro-

duced by the Inflation Account-

ing Steering Group, was made

in a speech yesterday by its

chairman, Mr Douglas Morpeth.

The changes he saw being made will go a long way to appease many of the critics of

the draft—known as ED 18—both within industry and the

accountancy profession, who have attacked it as being over-complicated and not dealing adequately with mouetary

With Mr Morpeth's backing it is likely that the main strategy of ED 18, which was drawn up to implement the

proposals commined in the Sandilands report, will survive, and the number of detractors

could be confined to those who

wish to prevent the introduc-tion of inflation accounting at

In his speech to the Cornwall and Plymouth Society of Chartered Accountants, Mr

Morpeth met head on the two main criticisms of ED 18-

simplification, and the treat-ment of monetary assets. He made it clear he was pre-

pared to make significant con-cessions to simplify the pro-

In agreement with the English Institute of Chartered

ccountents, he said he would

like to expend the size of small

businesses which need not pro-

duce current cost accounts from a turnover of £100,000 to

This, he said, would considerably reduce the problems for accountants in dealing with

this type of business.

But the major concession

were that he was considering shortening the standard, leaving

out contentious topics like the

from Japan are expected to

tesult from the latest investiga-

tion announced by the Govern-

ment yesterday—this time into

allegedly disruptive imports of

socket spanner sets from Japan.

investigation follows represent-

arions made nearly a year ago by the Federation of British Hand Tool Manufacturers, which claimed that Japanese

orders as a result of grants and loans made to developing coun-

tries by the Ministry of

British bankers were warned yesterday by Mr Christopher. Tugendhat, the REC Commis-

GDP

c product (1970=100)

104.5 110.7r 110.4

113.1r 113.4r 109.2r 107.1r 107.0 107.1r 108.8r 109.6r

02 107.8r 109.6r 107.7 Q3 109.5r 108.8r 107.8r Q4 110.7 109.3 109.0

The gross domestic product of the United Kingdom rose 1 per

cent in the fourth quarter of

last year, provisional estimates

from the Central Statistical

Office suggest. Most of the in-

rowth in industrial production.

Yesterday's figures measure

GDP in each of the three ways in which it is defined. They

confirm an earlier estimate based solely on output figures.

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Hint to bankers

The move to carry out a full

valuation of leases.

any price.

By Nicholas Hirst

Mr Hattersley's own philosophy, which sees a system of price surveillance continuing indefinitely.

Mr Uriger said the CBI would have "whetever means were

whatever means were available " to oppose me pro-posed legislation if it were granted no concessions on key Apart from a single year's life

of the legislation, the CBI wants a system involving much reduced paperwork and admin-istrative cost to industry. The industrialists yesterday presented Mr Hattersley with

notify the new Price Commission of intended price rises.

They also said that the present safeguards should be main-

British Leyland turned round

from a loss of £76.1m to a profit

of £70.5m in .the · 15 months to

the end of December, but only

because of the fall in the value

The group's results make it clear that, but for the disrup-

tions to production in November

and December caused mainly by strikes at component suppliers,

profits would have been close

Sir Richard Dobson, the chairman, said yesterday that the financial losses due to production failure were more than

offset by gains arising in export

and overseas operations. Over-seas sales for the 15-month period totalled £1.576m, com-pared to £949m in the pre-

vious year and £1,316m of sales

But Sir Richard said that without the decline in the value

Four hundred senior shop

stewards representing the whole

of Leyland Cars labour force

vesterday set in motion plans

which could lead to changes in

the three-tier worker participa-tion machinery introduced 13

But at a meeting in Birming-

ham convened by the Con-federation of Shipbuilding

and Engineering Unions they overwhelmingly rejected an amendment that workers should

withdraw from participation. Instead they voted to cooperate

with management for a second

12-month probationary period.

The 32-strong committee which originally negotiated

the participation deal will now

carry out a review of the

machinery to try to rectify shortcomings highlighted at

strategies if they were to gain the business available.

Mr Tugendhat, in a speech to the Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce, said German banks

had shown that they intended to follow their clients round

£14m Europe loan for

The British Steel Corporation has been granted a £14m loan by the European Investment Bank towards the cost of a

£35m expansion at the corpora-

tion's Ravenschaig, Lanarkshire,

Component trade hopes

dustrialists is in Britain for

visits to 16 car component com-

panies which, Bretish manufac-

turers hope, will lead to a big

increase in trade. The delega-

tion, which represent every major Japanese vehicle manu-facturer, is officially on a fact-finding mission, but British

RETAIL PRICES

The following are the index num

bers (January 15, 1974=100) for retail prices not seasonally adjusted, released by the Depart

ment of employment yesterday:

140.5

142.5

1442

146.0

149.8

150.6

153.5

158.0

156.3

158.5

160.6

163.5

165.8

172.4

140.9

142.8

144.5

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152.2

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BSC expansion

shortcomings

Further curbs on imports sioner, that their European from Japan are expected to competitors were "not sleepesselt from the latest investigaion appropried by the Covernion of their European

yesterday's meeting.

in the United Kingdom.

to target

Mr Unger said he was neither optimistic nor pessimistic, but felt that industry was further forward because Mr Hattersley

reliance" on government promises not to damage industry.

their own proposals for a form on which industry would pretained at at least the same levels so as to protect

iscues.

was now very clear on what industry regarded as the key

Mr Ronald Halstead, deputy chairman of Beecham, said that they had told Mr Hattersley that industry could place "no The CBI was of the opinion that when the original price code was formed it took three years to sort out what Mr Uriger described as "an absolute mess". Industrial confidence had been recovering in the year were and it would now

the past year, and it would now be a great shame if uncertainty were introduced to jeopardize

Leyland switches to £70.5m profit

be precisely quantified, "it is doubtful whether any overall

profit would have been made by British Leyland". Unit sales

abroad were up by nearly 20 per cent last year, and 46 per cent of home car production

Of the total £70.5m profit, £43m came from the truck and

non-automotive products. The remaining £16m came from

cars and light commercial vehi-

cles, but Sir Richard admitted that the volume car business

He described the profit on

group sales of 24 per cent as

far from adequate either to

support growth or to provide

Man bours lost through dis-

putes at Leyland, which produced 981,000 units in the 15 months compared to 845,000

of workers at Triumph Coven-

try, Jaguar Coventry, and Rover Solibull. Mr Grenville Hawley,

national secretary of the Trans-port and General Workers' Union chaired yesterday's

existing difficulties are such

that we need the cooperation of

Mr. Derek Robinson, the AUEW convener at Longbridge

and the senior participation

spokesman, told a press conference that participation had been

ir was by no means perfect, largely due to the limitations imposed by the Ryder report which led to it being established

extremely successful ".

Bonn shipyard aid

year from DM180m,

Fertilizer shutdown

Thames Nitrogen, Britain's fourth largest manufacturer of

nitrogenous fertilizers has closed its Essex plant because of spiralling world raw material prices and shortage of home-produced ammonia. The plant at Rainham was faced with

permanent closure unless there

was swift government action t

make raw materials available to

Dr Klasen to retire

all plants to overcome them

Stewards endorse participation

because of decline in the pound

was exported.

made a loss.

that food sector margins had been halved during the first three years of the present code, but had effectively cut only half of 1 per cent from the retail price index.

The delegation had pointed out to Mr Hattersley that indus-

try's profitability on capital employed was running at about 4 per cent, and even the Gov-ernment had acknowledged that this would have to improve as part of the industrial strategy. Engineers' fears: The Engineering Employers' Federation said last night that its 5,700 mem-bers feared the effects on pro-fitability if margin controls were kept to historic levels while inflation continued at a high rate. They also feared the damaging effects of a price freeze imposed while a company's major input costs were allowed to rise.

Mr Alex Park, chief execu-

tive, said that the loss from

direct strikes amounted to only

0.6 per cent of hours worked

although this figure rose to 3 per cent including lay-offs.

its Leyland support staff.

course, whether we can get

back on course, how much money it will take and what is

guarded blut at the need for

participation to be extended to the boardroom with the intro-

recommended by the Bullock

committee.

Pressed on this point, Mr
Robinson said one of the criti-

less a lot of good has already been achieved. We have been

involved in every detail of the

1,000 workers at Rists Wires and Cables, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, will be

laid off next week, and another 545 put on a three-day week because of the Leyland dispute repercussions. Rists makes wiring harnesses for the motor

company's 10 year plan. Rists lay-offs: More

metters.

meeting. Robinson said one of the criti-Later he said: The absence cisms levelled at the existing

of substantial numbers of Ley-participation set up was that it land workers has created diffi-stopped at the decision-making

Leviano:

Italy unions protest at tough IMF loan terms

From John Earle Rome, March 18

Italy's Cabiner today discussed a draft letter of intent to the International Monetary Fund to accompany the release of a standby credit of \$530m (about £312m) amid uncertainty whether it can command the required support for the IMF's conditions from the trade unions and Left-wing political parties.

Signor Giulio Andreotti's minority government is ex-pected to seek their backing in consultations early next week. The credit, which Italy has been secking for a year, carries

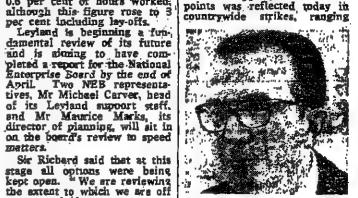
tion in labour and industrial overnment decree issued on ebruary 4 is designed to comply.

It is, however, unlikely to be approved in its present form by Parliament in the required 60 days because of opposition to clauses virtually banning company wage increases, and reducing the incidence of the scela mobile threshold system

indexed to the cost of living.

Union opposition to these

with it conditions for a reduc-



Signor Guilio Andreotti: Leftwing support needed for unpopular measures that would give international credibility to

from four to 24 hours. In Rome, because of the tension created by last weekend's riots, the strike has been postponed until next Wednesday

A protest against tampering with the scala mobile was one of the objectives of the strike, along with pressure for more investment in the south and for improved conditions for unemployed, young people and

Another element of uncerhas been the Fund's insistence on a public spending ceiling, when the statistics on the subject are far from perfect, and different estimates are pro-duced by different bodies.

The IMF's readiness to con-clude the negotistions, nevertheless, is seen by comm tators as a political act of faith to support the fragile Andreoni Government, when no clear alternative is in sight beyond political confusion and violence.

Though the size of the credit, reported to be 450 million special drawing rights (about £300m), is hardly significant, the Government attaches import ance to it as a certificate of international credibility which will open doors to further assist-ance, such as a loan of \$500m to replace \$487m repaid to Britain in December,

With the evident aim of putting pressure on opinion, in-spired leaks have appeared in the press about the Fund's conditions.

According to these reports, they include a cailing this year on the Treasury deficit of 9,800,000m lire (£6,533m), plus 5,200,000m lire restriction ca the deficit in other areas such as the health service, making a public sector deficit limited to 15,000,000m lire in all.

Total internal credit in 1977 should not expand beyond 30,300,000m lire, of which 15,000,000m lire would go ro the public sector and the rest to productive sectors.

In the two years 1977-78 the expansion of public spending should not exceed the rate of inflation, while, it is suggested, inflation should be brought down to about 16 per cent this year and 10 per cent in 1978. The cost of labour should be reduced by 16 per cent this year and further cut in 1978, under

the fund's implicit terms.

all producers at the same price; the company said yesterday. term of office expires at the end of the year, a bank spokesman said yesterday. said it was still not decided when Herr Klasen would step



Gold passed the \$150 ounce level briefly yesterday for the first time since 1975. At the morning fixing in London, the price was set at but profit taking \$150.25, pushed the price back to \$149.875 by the close.

retire from his post before his

Dr Karl Klasen, president of the German Federal Bank, will Cost of food in US takes biggest jump in 3 years Washington, March 18 .- Con-

sumer prices rose by a seasonally-adjusted 1 per cent in February—12 per cent annually es food prices soared, the Labour Department said today, Food prices were up a seasonally-adjusted 2 per cent. The overall increase was the biggest since September, 1974, and put the Department's consumer price index at 177.1 (1967=100), up 6 points on a

In the last three months consumer prices have risen at a compound annual rate of 9.1 per cent after seasonal adjust-

The food price increase, more than double January's 0.9 per cent adjusted rise, was the largest in three years. The Deparument said almost half was caused by a 20.9 per cent advance in the cost of fresh

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SDE 5 vas 1.15/20 on Friday
while SDR-6 was 0.674/241.
Commodities: Coffee prices hit
new peaks. Reuter's index was
at 1749.4 (previous 1748.5). Rates for small denomination bank notes only 39 supplied vesterday by Barriays Bank International Ltd. Different rates spely to inavellers' choques and other Reports, pages 19 and 20 On other pages 20 | Unit Trusts: Bank Base Rates Table 19 M & G

PERSONAL INVESTMENT AND FINANCE

Fixed interest investment

MLR cut · new tap stock · tax change

I was having lunch yesterday at a discount house which shall be nameless, when the results of the weekly Treasury Bill tender, which normally determines the level of the Government's minimum lending rate. came through.

Now the discount houses act as shock absorbers between the government and the money markets, and their directors reckon to have their ears well down to the ground when it comes to interest rates.

At yesterday's news, however, a solemn hush fell over the company, their Camembert and their coffee: for on the normal formula the result would have meant another full point cut in minimum lending rate to 10 per cent-a fall much steeper than anyone had expected. More surprises followed; a new tap stock and the removal of the tax exemption for oversess residents.

The fall in MLR would have been much steeper than the Bank of England was prepared to tolerate; and so the normal formula was again suspended, and minimum lending rate has been set by flat at 10 per cent.

What's more, the Bank has underlined its point by obliging those discount houses which needed to borrow to square their books for the weekend, to take the money they have been asking for for a full seven days. And since the new minimum lending rate does not take effect till Monday, they have been obliged to take the money at the old rate, 11 per cent.
After that those discount

houses which have been obliged to borrow will be none too keen to encourage any fur-ther fall in interest rates. But what about all those other in-vestors, only too happy to take anything on offer in the belief that rates have further to fall?

Well, the Bank has given them something to keep them quiet: a new £800m "tap" stock, Exchequer 124 per cent 1992, which is to be issued at £96 for a flæ yield of 12.76 per cent and a redemption yield of 12.85 per cent.

12.85 per cent.

Now those terms are just about in line with other stocks of the same maturity, so there's nothing to get excited about here—unless interest rates continue to fall. And after the events of the last few weeks

I doubt they will.

The government has, in any case, moved to choke off any undue enthusiasm-particularly cathusiasm from overseas—by announcing that from benceforth there will be no tax exemption for overseas exemption for overseas residents on new tap stocks. That doesn't, however, affect the situation on the existing 45 stocks on which interest is paid gross to overseas residents.

So at the moment it eems quite likely that all this new more will do is trensfer overseas interest from the new "tap" to those existing gilts with the exemption. And that implies an improvement in prices of these stocks at least, and an opportunity to switch, eventually, into others which are the cheaper for the lack of the rax erantion.

What are medallions worth?

There's no business like the memorabilia business. Or so it seems from the acres of lushy produced technicolor devoted to medallions, ingot jewelry, bells, teapots, spoons and other assorted commemoration bric-

à-brac. Promotion of medallions in particular has reached a new pitch this year as Jubilee issues jostle for space with Wimble-don, MCC and Pompeii souvenirs. But even leaving Jubilee Year aside the reguarity of highly priced offers of commemorative medallions attests to a large and ready market. These "collectors items" may be the 70's answer " collectors to cigarette cards or seaside pottery—but some are very

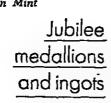
Take as an illustration a recent offer from John Pinches, one of the most active private mints, of 100 medallions depicting works of Rubens. At £25 each the total series adds up to £2,500. For individual items the standard price for medallions seems to be between £20 and £25. £20 and £25.

This sort of price reflects a combination of bullion value, original design, workmanship and manufacturing costs. High mark-ups are usual in the sister jewelry trade. How much value should be attached to the design and the like is a subjective matter although clearly the work of an internationally acclaimed artist is likely to have an enduring investment value, But with today's nostalgic

medallions what do you get for your money? In terms of intrinsic or resale value, very little, it seems. Raymond. Saudforth-Baker runs a medallion department at auctioneers Christie's and has approaches Adrienne Gleeson and has approaches every day of the week from people wishing to sell their collections of modern medallions.



Birmingham Mint



The table shows the retail value compared with the metal value of the issues.



John Pinches Spink .

Joint I mipile				
Seller	. item	Weight	Sale price	Value of metal*
Birmingham Mint	Jubilee Medallion	1.40z	£17.50	£3.97
John Pinches	Jubilee Medallion	1.20z	£25.00	£3.40
Spink	Jubilee Medallion	2.44oz	£25.00	£6.93
Ratners	Jubilee Ingot	1oz	£21.50	£2.84
Eulav	Jubilee Ingot		£13.50	£1.42

the metal value and very little else. The table illustrates the enormous gap between the offer price of three silver Jubilee medallions and their bullion value. Judging by the silver value the Spink medallion looks the best buy but even here one is paying a hefty premium for the workmanship, commemorative and artistic merits of the

finished product.

the silver ingots on chains on ing prices and bullion value, sale in most jewellers shops. These are oblong pendants merely bearing enlarged hallmarks A company called Eulay is

marketing a loz ingot (bullion value £1.40) for £13.50, The rival loz ingor sold by Ratners at £21.50 has a bullion value of £2.84. Anyone impressed by the fact that the latter is "especially hallmarked and bearing the special mark of the Majorty" should be arrived to the special mark of the Majorty's should be accompanied. finished product.

The pattern is similar in other series. Planches "Treasures of Pompeii" offered 12 medallions at £25 each. With each containing 19 grams of silver, the intrinsic value, taking the silver price at £2.84 an ounce, is just £2.

But most remarkable of the recent rash of Jubilee offers are

there are attempts to get some promotional mileage out of the metal content. The Eulay ingot is "a steadily appreciating in-vestment". Pinches "Pompeil" advertisements say "the values of great art and of precious gold on bronze and silver are undiminished indeed they are enhanced by the passage of time ".

Then take the question of limited editions. Conventionally the term "limited edition" means limited edition means limitation to a restricted number, say 100, or at the most 1.000. John Pinches's "strictly limited" issues are one discovers, limited to the number of subscribers applying before a given closing date. And that is just for Britain.

National Savings

There are other "strictly limited editions" promoted worldwide. Even where the numbers of medallions to be

If you like a room decorated

with medallions or enjoy wear-

ing ingots and are prepared to

pay a fancy price, that is fine. But do not be misled into think-ing that these commemorative

editions will have a resale that

bears much resemblance to the price you paid. There is no

acquired heirlooms are likely to fetch the value of their metal

content and very little, if any-

popular issues do not seem to

have kept pace with inflation. In 1897, Spinks issued sets of medallions to commemorate the

Diamond Jubilce of Queen Vic-

The large silver medal, weighing around 702 now sells for around £25. The same price,

Indeed, as the new Silver Jubilee medal produced this year by

the same firm. Its original issue price was £2.15 so the Dia-mond Jubilee medal, produced

80 years ago, has not even kept pace with inflation.

coup you may have to wait for the millennium. Spinks is

currently offering for sale a

commemorative for the Battle of Northallerton struck in 1138.

Margaret

The price? Around £2,500.

If you want a real investment

Last week for super sixteenth

issued are limited the offer frequently runs to several thousands. "Limited edition" in this context is well nigh mean-It isn't often that the Depart. ment of National Savings comes up with a winner but I must say it has had a pretty good 16 months. After the success of the index-linked SAYE con-tracts and Retirement issue of savings certificates came the 16th issue of conventional National Savings certificates last December. secondary market in them, the manufacturers do not operate any buy-back facilities, and sold through dealers your newly

It was knuched just after interest rates hit their peak with terms that even then were considered quite attractive— .78 per cent tax free which is equivalent to a gross yield of 13.5 per cent for a basic thing, else.

Ah, but what about the long-term potential? The evidence is that even relatively aged. rate taxpayer and considerably: more for the wealthier. But since December interest rates : elsewhere have fallen sharply :: leaving the 16th issue on a plateau with above average

Investors who wish to sign on for a four-year stint with this issue, the most attractive yet offered, have until the end of the month to buy their hold-ings. Sold in £5 units the maximum bolding is £1,500 an individual.

the issue has provided one of the issue has provided one of the most popular ever. Over the past three weeks millions of new leaflets have been printed because Post Offices up and down the country simply ran out. Sales of the certificates have been running at between £45m and £50m a week since the beginning of January.

From April the suspended 14th issue is being brought back. It returns a tax free

7.59 per cent (gross equivalent yield 11.68 per cent) which is below, the current building Drummond | below , the current society investment rate.

Motor insurance

Some problems you could run into if your car is a write-off

Irrespective of the number of accidents which you may be unlucky enough to have with the car during a year's insurance, the insurers must pay up for the repairs—provided, of course, you have complied with the policy conditions.

As a result, at the end of the year, the insurers could have paid out very much more than the value of the car.

With some forms of property insurance, when each asked to reinstate the amount of the claim—by paying pro-rate premium for it to the the theory is that you have

and, to reinstate it, an addi-tional premium must be paid. Often, with household in-surance, insurers give automatic reinstatement, free of charge (because the additional premiums might be too small to be worth collecting). This

principle does not apply with motor insurance.

There are drawbacks to a motor policy in the event of serious damage to the car. The insurers, of course, are not the car by the insurers as its value immediately before the semptimes an owner. ing a car than it was worth tramediately before the acci-

"used up" part of the cover enough. Sometimes, an owner and paying the balance of the Sometimes there is a tendency loss is to have an agreed value. would prefer to keep his own car rather than try to find a comparable replacement with the insurance money. Since it is generally difficult to find just what is wanted with the insurance money, it might be necessary to dip into one's own.

loss, sometimes an owner thinks of taking the insurance dent. money for the insurers' esti-That may seem reasonable mate of the value of the car

Unfortunately, usually it is not as easy as that. If a company settles a claim as a write off", paying the full value of the car immediately before the accident, it is enti-

Often this can be quite valuable. Effectively, it means that, having settled a total loss, the insurer can reduce the net cost of the claim by selling the damaged car.

tled to take the damaged car

Often, of course, there can be a difference of opinion about how much a car was about how much a car was worth at a particular time.

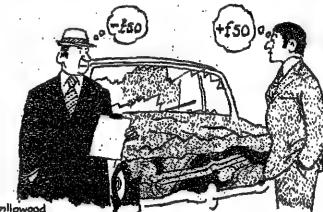
on the part of insurers to think mainly in terms of the figure for which the car could needs the figure which it would cost to replace it.

Sometimes a figure slightly below the cost of a comparable car may be fair, on the basis that the quoted price takes into account the fact that the dealer may have to take a car in part exchange; for cash he might be prepared to make some reduction in the asking

One way to avoid problems about how much shall be paid if insurers settle for a total

Unfortunately, few insurers these days are prepared to give agreed values, on the grounds that it is expensive from the administrative point of view.

Even if one has an agreed value, so that there is no argument about how much should be paid for a "write off", the insurers are still entitled to take the car as salvage if they settle a total loss.



. . . a difference of opinion about how much a car was John Drummond worth at a particular time."

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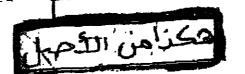
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Taxation ---

Taxation for Supe Eleventh hour planning as the sixteenth financial year closes with the end of the tax year fast approaching it is timely to DEED OF COVENANT Over have Response stoss

action can be taken now in of order to save tax. Here are a few suggestions, in the hope that the Chancellor of the Exchequer does nothing to undo it all in his March 29 budger. If you have been or will be making moderate sales or gifts of assets which involve capital gains tax, such as stocks and shares, remember the small disposals rule. This exempts you from the tax if your total disposal proceeds—net of selling es are £1,000 or less. Those intending to sell between now and April 5 should bear this limit in mind and if necessary spread the sale, disposing of part before April 5 to keep within the £1,000 rule and the balance after, so that the dis-posal proceeds fall into the next

The date that is relevant is the actual date of the sale or gift unless there is a contractin which case it is the contract date that matters. If you are giving your shares, or whatever, away the disposal proceeds are measured by the market value of the asset on the day of the gift, so you need to have a fairly accurate idea of what that you are going to keep within the exemption.

Those who have to make disposals in the next few weeks that will be liable to capital gains tax should time the sales to get a cash flow advantage, If the sale is made on or before April 5 the gain falls into 1976-77 and the tax is due for paynient three mouths later, on July 5, 1977. On the other hand if the sale is put off for a duy or two until April 6 the gain will fall into 1977-78 thus postponing payment of the tax for 12 months.

Still on capital gains tax, if you have made taxable gains during the year on one hand, and on the other are holding and on the other are holding stocks and shares which on paper show a capital loss you should consider doing some-thing about it. The bed and breakfast transaction is a convenient way of crystallizing the loss so that it can be set against'

the gains in 1976/77.

I will pay to the said dones annually/monthly a gross amount of \pounds / such a sum as will after the deduction of income tax at the basic rate for the time being in force leave in the hands of the dones a net sum of \pounds .

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and this (date).
SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED by the above in the presence of:

deducts tax at the basic rate of 35 per cent from the gross amount payable and pays over

the net figure. The recipient, if not liable to tax, can claim it back.

If you want to take advantage

If you want to take advantage of this arrangement for 1976/77 the deed should be executed and the payment should fall due before April 5. Where payments are monthly, only those which fall due for payment on or before April 5 will be effective for 1976/77.

There is no need to so to a

There is no need to go to a solicitor. You can write out a deed yourself and a form of suitable words is reproduced here; for the sake of clarity it is preferable to have it typed, rather than handwritten. You must commit ways of for some

must commit yourself for seven

years, although if the dones agrees in writing to release you from the agreement before the deed expires, you are not legally bound to continue the

payments. Incidentally, many deeds are

expressed in terms that fix a net sum, after tax, to be paid to the donee. If the payments are to children it is wiser to

state the gross amount because of the child allowance com-

plications, which I discuss

A deed of covenant is a use-

Address

Donor's signature.

" Words in italics are alternatives.

shares before April 5 to establish the loss and buy them back again the next day. The transection will be ineffective if you sell and buy on the same day. Although you will incur some expenses it may be worth doing—particularly bear-ing in mind that losses made in the next tax year cannot be carried back against the previous year's gains.

Turning to income tax. April 5, 1977 is the last day for making a claim for the separate taxation of wife's earnings for the year 1975-76. Whether it will pay you to make a claim depends on how much income you and your wife received in that year and the smount of personal allowances and other deductions to which and other deductions to which you were entitled. If in doubt you, should obtain Inland Revenue leaflet number 13 from your local tax office, but there is no point in considering a claim upless your joint incomes are £7,400 plus.

If you have already claimed for the separate taxation of wife's earnings but because of changed circumstances you wish to withdraw it for 1975/76 you should do so by April 5.

A. deed of covenant is an effective way of tax saving if it transfers income from a he gains in 1976/??. person who pays tax to some ful way of transferring income What you do is to sell the one who does not. The payer to your adult children (those

gross amount exceeds £350 you lose the benefit of the child allowance. Looking shead, as child allowances are gradually phased out it will become more beneficial to make larger payments under deeds of covenant so that the the single person's tax-free allowance, unless the Chan-cellor knocks that one on the

over the age of 18) if they have no other taxable income.

Remember though that if the

A deed executed by a parent in favour of an infant child is meffective for the purposes, but a relative could do so. The point to bear in mind here is that the payments will be regarded as investment income in the hands of the recipient, and if the gross amount is in and if the gross amount is in excess of £115 for 1976/77 the child allowance will be

To enable the donce to get the tax back the donor should complete a - tax deduction cer-pificate (form R185) after the end of the tax year, which can be obtained from the tax office. The donce will have to fill in a repayment claim form and send it and the tax deduction cer-tificate to the tax office.

Finally, a few words about capital transfer tax. Both you and your wife can transfer free of CIT up to £2,000 during the year ended April 5, 1977. If you year ended April 5, 1977. If you did not use up your previous year's exemption—for 1975/76 the limit was £1,000 each—you can, carry it forward for one year only. It works this way. If during 1976/77 you each make a gift of, for example, £2,000 this is taken as first satisfying your limit for that year leaving nothing to carry forward. So make sure you each take advantage of the full exemption—£3,000 in this case—before April 5 if you have the spare asset capacity to do so.

Remember too there is an annual exemption for both you and your wife of £100 for outright gifts to each donee—as many as you consider deserving cases. Make them before April 5 otherwise the 1976/77 exemption will be lost.

Vera Di Palma

Investor's week

Market surges ahead and bids in plenty

Share prices reached their best level for simos: 31 years on the stock market in London this week as the FT Ordinary share index broke through the psychological 420 barrier, hitherto regarded as the top and of its trading range, and, indeed, the

point from which the market Most market people expect the traditional pre-Budget run up to take the FT index to 450 though yesterday's news of the Opposition's plan to propose a "so confidence" vote in the Government introduced a note of uncertainty. At last night's close of 428.5 the index stood 12.7 better over the five days. Though the decision of the

Leyland toolmakers to return was a help, the key to some solid buying, interspersed by bouts of profit taking, was financial rather than industrial.

The tone was set on Monday when the Treasury's decision to allow Inchespe to raise divi-dends beyond the statutory limits because it could be classified as an overseas trader was interpreted as a first step towards an easing of controls which the market bas long

Later, strong demand was reinforced by trade figures at the top end of the range of estiniates and by the end of the session the index was a full 13 points higher, its best daily per-formance for almost three

months. Fears of a 20 per cent in-flation rate by the summer and outside support for the Leyland strikers brought profit taking on the next two days, but prices were not allowed to fall far. As the week progressed the prospect of another cut in MLR egan to play a part and there

Company Movement Comment high RISES Terms from Comm Union Dividend concession hopes Agreed terms 13o to 24o from BSR 38o to 170p Record prolits, rights and div

MAIN RISES AND FALLS OF THE WEEK

225g	124p	Yarrow	13p to 212p	Passage of Shipbuilding Bill
		FALL	5	
50p	21p	Johnson Group	4p to 45p	Monopolies reference for Sketchley bid
205p	113p	Jokal Tea	10p to 195p	Profit taking
74p	354p	Lake & Elliot	10p to 50p	Disappointing profits
100p 47p	38p 18p	Norwest Holat Deundi	10p to 64p Sp to 38p	DoT inquity Profit taking

it fell just a half point even though the Bank of England had signalled this intention on Thursday.

The gilbedged market has been a consistently stronger performer than the equity market. Interest rate hopes, the trade figures and another en-couraging set of money supply figures all played a part in a demand which has seen the longer dates up by £1 or more on three out of the five days.

But a new £800m "tap" without tax exemption stock, without tax exemption for foreign buyers, depressed sentiment yesterday. Some of the "longs" have risen around 18 in two weeks while shorter desce shough less spectacular. was some disappointment when dates, though less spectacular,

have also attracted a strong demand. At best, daily gains here have been between threequarters and a full point.

The dividend decision brought a lot of speculative interest to overseas earners. Incheape itself rose 40p to 390p over the week with tea group McLeod Russel off 5p to 215p on profit-taking after it had also received the same con-

The best of a large number of other shares thought to have a good chance of receiving the same treatment were Rio Timo 22p to 228p, Gallenkamp to 185p, Guthrie 9p to 209p Standard Chartered Bank to 330p.

The major result of the week The major result of the week came from BP and was greeted with some disappointment. The shares were unchanged at 864p while Ultramar added 2p to 156p after figures and a state-ment which were also greeted with muted enthusiasm.

On the bid scene Estates House Investment rose 37p to 266p after terms worth more than £40m from Commercial Union. Meat group FMC, for long a talsoover candidate, were active as a tussle developed between NFU and Thomas Borthwick for coursel. FMC's shares gained 44p. to 114p in spite of a good deal of profit taking. Bridgewater Investment re

jected terms from Rothschild investment, but one deal which was agreed was BSR's £1.6m terms for Judge International, up 13p to 24p. Both Sketchley's offer for Johnson Group Cleaners and Associated Engineerings unwelcome overtures to Serck were referred to the onopolies Commission.

Johnson shares essed 4p to 45p and those of Serck were 1p up at 91p.. But Lourho received the go ahead to bid for Dunford & Elliott whose shares rose 4p to 73p. Lourho was also involved in a much criticized deal with Sir Hugh Fraser's Scottish & Universal Investments, up 2p to 75p. House of Fraser, up 6p to 90p, another in the same stable, now has a clear field to take one Present Muff. take over Brown Muff.

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Chemical shares like Hickson
Welch 5p to 420p and Laporte
8p to 112p were helped by the
industry's plans to investment
£3,300m over the next three
years. A Department of Trade
inquiry depressed housebuilder
Norwest Holst, down 10p to 64p.

David Mott

59.1 55.4 42,8

Unit trust performance

UNIT TRUSTS: Medium and Income funds (progress this year and the past three years). Unitholder index 1785.4; rise from January 1, 1977: +12.2%. Average change offer to bid, net income included, over past 12 months: -2.1%; over three years: +17.0%.

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Family Fund 1.2
Tyndali Capital 1.1
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Canlife General 0.6
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Oceanic Growth 0.4
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Mutual High Yield 3.1 Allied Equity Income 3.6 A: Change since March 11, 1976 offer to bid, income reinvested.

B: Change since March 1, 1974 offer to bid, income reinvested. Both taken to March 17, 1977. M: Trust valued monthly.

P: Trust valued every two weeks.

Statistics supplied by Mosey Management and Unitholder, 30 Finsbury Square, London, EC2.

Stock markets

Prices lowered but no selling

mun Lending Rate and retail figures showing a small decline in the rate of inflation enabled shares to raily from early falls which followed the Opposition's decision to move a vote of no confidence in the Government,

The FT Index, 7.8 off at 1 pm, closed at 428.5, a net loss of 5.3 on the day, but 12.7 up over the first week of the pre-Budget DCCOUNT.

Dealers said that the earlier falls were out of all proportion. so the amount of business done, which was largely speculative

It now looks as if Duport has beaten the profits of £10m it forecast last Autumn for the forecast last Autumn for the year to January 31 last, and, in fact, made in 1974-75. If it did, a second-half upsurge, reflecting dearer steel and vanishing losses at Slumberland, probably took the credit. This year's prospects look good. The shares have crept up from 70p to 80p in little more than a week, so the yield is now down to 7.3 per cent.

The Opposition's move caused many of the "professionals" to take profits just before kunch, but with the brighter afternoon news, fresh posizions started to be taken at the lower levels, In the gilts market the MLR In the gilts market, the MLR cut was largely discounted, but the retail figures stirred much late interest. The mood was further enhanced by the terms of a surprise £800m "tap" stock and earlier losses of one-quarter to five-eighths were mostly recovered. In some cases, prices were subtracted to surprise the same cases, prices were subtracted. went above overnigh

Most of the gains came at the long end and were around one-

picture was narrowly mixed. Though genera Itrading was continued to provide a number of features. .

European Ferries closed 21p shead at 714p in spite of a denial from British & Commonwealth, up 2p to 257p, that it was planning to mount a bid. The expected terms from Commercial Union had Eastern House Investment another 6p up at 266p, while Trust & Agency of Australasia, where EHIT has a mjor stake, put on another 6p for a close of 146p.

There was fresh bid talk sur-There was fresh bid talk surreunding Bowthorpe, off 2p to 58p, with BICC, which has figures next week, mentioned in this connexion. BICC shares eased a couple of points to 110p. There was speculative interest in a number of other issues. Bike Wolverhapton Breweries, up 7p to 145p, Armitage Shanks 51p to 57sp and Gesteiner "A", where the rise was 7p to 153p.

Bourne & Hollingsworth rose

Bourne & Hollingsworth rose 9p to 87p on comment and contimued takeover talk, but Scottish & Universal Investments were lowered 3p to 75p on more criticism of the Lourho deal. Norvic Securities were a fir spot at 251p with a per-sistent buyer reported to have picked up something like a

week. There is also bid talk with "Gussies" seeming to head the list. After their recent strong

gains, shipbuilders were hit by profit taking Yarrow was partisularly har dhit, losing 13p to 212p. More typical were Swan Hunter down 4p to 90p and Robb Caledon 4p to 80p.

The industrial leaders pared earlier losses which at one time had stretched to as much as 8p.

By the close, Glazo, was still 5p.

lower at 490p and Fisons off 4p

lower at 490p and Fisons off 4p to 355p. For the rest there were tuppenny falls from Metal Box at 300p, ICI at 358p and Unilever at 474p.

Additionally helped by the prospect of figures next week, Yule Catto jumped 6p to 63p in the hope that it might soon receive an "overseas earnings dividend concession.

In a generally lower teasector, Camelia stood out with a rise of 30 to 143p, while over in

rise of 30 to 143p, while over in tins, Ayer Hitam fell 5p to 365p profit-taking.
Oils saw BP off 22p to 864p on further reflection over re-sules. The same was true of

sules. The same was true of Ultramar, where the drop was for to 156p, while Shelf gave up the same amount to 508p.

Outstanding in a subdued making sector was Selection Trust which added no less than 25p to 500p.

Against the background of

Latest dividends

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Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.54. * Forecast. † Adjusted for scrip. ‡ Cents a share.

quarter of a million shares this the MLR cut, banks had a weak session, notably Lloyds, down 7p to 215p and Midland 5p to

290p.
In insurances, Commercial Union reacted 7p to 124p after its terms for Estates House, while other weak spots were to be found in Royal 10p to 342p, Eagle Star 5p to 129p and broker Willis Faber & Dumas 5p to 240p, after 235p.

There was a limited demand for papers and printings with Portals up 2p to 186, John Wad-dington "A" to to 137p and W. H. Smith "A" 2p to 410p. After figures, Church & Co

retailers has been good lately. The shares hardened a further 2p to 254p, a new 1976-77 peak. In the six months to In the six months to last September, sales senung up sharply and margins widened, pushing profits up from £3.6m to £5.1m. The financial year ends this month and profits of at least £11.75m, and some say £12m, were made against £8.5m. The group has benefited from new lines for older children and more selling space. dren and more selling space.

rose 2p to 75p, and Photopia 2p to 27p after a forecast of record profits. But Yorkshire Chemicals reacted 11p to 135p on profit-taking after figures.

Rritish Leyland were unchanged at 28p after touching

31p on figures.

Equity bichover on March 17 was 199.89m (19.196 bargains). According to Exchange Telegraph, active stocks yesterday were BP, ICI, De La Rue, BAT Dfd, Shell, Commercial Union, Barclays, Lucas, Marks & Spen-cer, Rank, Beecham, Distillers, P & O. Slater Walker, Royal Insurance, Burmah, Trafalgar House, GEC cap. notes, Wm Press, FMC, Estares House Inv, Bourne & Hollingsworth and Yarrow.

FMC needs new men and money, Borthwick argues in offer

By Ronald Pullen
Thomas Borthwick's revised
offer of 25 of its ordinary shares
for every 16 held in fellow mest
trader FMC puts a value of
£13.6m or 136p a share on FMC
with Borthwick at 87p, down

2p yesterday.
This compares with the 1014p
of its first bid and the 97p cash offer from rival contender NFU Development Trust, which now controls just under 48 per cent

In its formal offer, Borth-wick criticizes FMC's recent profits performance, a f3m the two groups will fit well holders and underwriting for the cash offer has been arranged wick argues that FMC needs of the combined group underwriting and injection of new, vigorous lines the short-term impact of and professional management. The pro-forms balance sheet ged with stockbrokers Rowe & Pitman, and Laing & Cruicking and professional management. The acquisition. Net assets shareholders to take no action.

Coates ride plan to buy high on the London pref drive abroad

The second balf year to December 31 brought a 36 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to ES. Im at Coates Brothers, the printing inks group. It took 1976 profits up 40 per cent to a record £3.8m. Turnover grew 34 per cent to £75.3m.

The profits reflected a jump of 61 per cent in those overseas to f1.79m, and one of 31 per cent to f3.15m at home.

Earnings a share went to from 6.13p to 8.72p and the dividend rises from 2.91p gross m 2.2p

At half time the board reported profits up 48 per cent to 13.7m, indicating that the recovery seen in the second half of 1975 was continuing. Some improvement was expected in the second half but its extent was said to depend on price

French unions bar to Selincourt The planned £4.5m "rescue

of a French clothing menufac-turer, which would have in-volved the Selincount garment and textiles group, has fallen through.

Selincourt said that it could not proceed with the agreement with the French government for the takeover of the St Joseph firm in Bordeaux because of "lack of support of the French unions" representing the St Joseph work-force,

BCA now has 46pc of Nationwide

With its bisterily concested offer due to close next Wednesday, British Car August Group says that it now holds 45.86 per cent of Nationwide Leisure.

The news comes in the latest circular from Mr David Wickins BCA's chairman, who claims that the Nationwide board is openly divided, and that Mr. J. M. Hutchings, chairman of the caravans to pawnoroking group has been rejected by his two lergest shereholders and the majority of his share-holders other than himself and his friends.

BCA's terms are one share for every three Nationwide giv-ing a price of 11.5p a share.

SUITs preparing reply Following the heavily-criticized sale by Sir Hugh Fraser to Londro of 24 per cent of the equity capital of Scottish and Universal Investments the board of SUITs will issue to shareholders "at an early date" a statement setting out the advantages to the company of

the association, and notifying the management changes which

have been made during the past

would only be £11m higher at development plans-will require the injection of fresh capital, and in view of its recent record FMC could find it difficult to £40m but not dobt rises £18m to just over £48m. Working capital too goes up sharply. Reflecting market doubts that Borthwick can succeed, FMC rose only 4p to 114p yesterday. Meanwhile, Borthwick's new terms and the 125p a share

get a rights issue underwritten.
The position of the NFU Trust, too, comes in for criti-cism, in particular the possi-bility that its aims may conflict with those of other shareholders. Replying to FMC's claims that

the takeover has little com-mercial sense, Borthwick goes to some lengths to explain that the two groups' will fit well together.

The pro-forms balance sheet

Haw Par Bros in Dividend, scrip

After recent market buying, Haw Par Brothers International now owns 10.13m of the 41 per cent convertible, redeemable guaranteed 20p preference shares or 44.86 per cent of the

Guinness Mahon will be making an offer, on behalf of Haw Par, to the other share-holders to buy their shares at 14.44p a share ex-dividend, Haw Par (London) was formed as an investment holding company. Its main invest-ment was its holding in London Tin Corporation. Since these shares have been

sold, Haw Par Brothers thinks that it is appropriate to give convertible shareholders an opportunity to sell.

soften : Hall's setback

cash alternative are contingent

on recommendation by the FMC.

Borthwick's adviser Morgan Grenfell has agreed to offer 80p a share for Borthwick shares to accepting FMC share-holders and underwriting for

At half time Hall Engineering (Holdings) expected only modest headway in 1976, but even this was not to be. A 24 per cent fall in secondhalf profits to £1.7m left the group with a 17 per cent drop to £3.3m for the year. Turn-over, by contrast, climbed 37 per cent to £56.2m.

Earnings a share were 17.82p against 21.62p. There is comfort for shareholders in a rise in dividend from 6.64p adjusted for a scrip issue to 7.31p gross. They will also get another scrip issue this time of one for fire

issue, this time of one for five. The shares slipped 2p to 84p at first but rose 6p to 90p after hours on the bigger dividend and issue which were thought

Yorks Chem slackens: shares slip

By Nicholas Hirst Disappointing results from Yorkshire Chemicals knocked 12p off the shares to 136p. Profits before tax were 57 per cent higher at £3.18m but they had been 70 per cent up after six months.

Towards the end of the year, the directors explained, margins suffered from higher costs, the improvement in sterling and the devaluation of the Austra lian dollar.

Indeed, trading profits before depreciation, interest and asso-ciated companies' contribution were virtually the same as in

the first half. Sales volume was higher than in 1975 though the 23 per cent rise to £21.7m was due, in part, to inflation. Overseas sales increased 39 per cent to £15.1in but there was a slight declino in turnover at home to £5.7m. Competition both for price and quality was strong and it was not possible to pass on the full rise in raw material costs

to customers.

However, a further improvement in profits is expected in 1976. Overseas sales prospects are good, the board says.

A final dividend of 3.18p gross is recommended making a maximum 6.56p for the year.

Deelkraal

The expected total cost of bringing the new "Gold Fields" gold mine Deelkrapl to production is still mounting. At the time of the rights issue in September it was put at R110m. Now in Deckrasi's annual report Mr R. Plumbridge (chairman) raises the

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Well heeled Church strides to 50 pc gain

An all-round improvement in trade meant a 1976 record for Church, the Northampton-based manufacturer, wholesaler and retailer of footwear.

retailer of footwear.

The "good increase" predicted at half time turns out to be a jump of nearly 52 per cent to £1.96m on a turnover 22.67 per cent up at £16.89m.

Church did well in both retailing and manufacturing and a cheap pound helped exports. The London shops benefited from tourists. The gross dividend goes up from 4.23p (adjusted) to 4.65p.

Growth more than trebled in the second half year. First-half pre-tax profits went up 20.2 per

pre-tax profits went up 20.2 per cent but those for the second six months jumped 71.82 per cent. The shares hardened 2p

General Mining down on bigger capital

General Mining, the South African mining finance house which last year gained control of Union Corporation, made earnings a share of 415 cents on the increased capital com-pared with 440 cents in the

pared with 440 cents in the year to December 31.

However, the final dividend has been held at 120 cents a share to give an unaltered total for the year of 210 cents, with the dividend cover reducing slightly.

As with Union Corporation, which last year consultated Geduld Investments and several other companies, the results for

other companies, the results for General Mining are not directly comparable with the previous year. The distortion produced by consolidating Union Corporation sees to that.

Contracts concluded last year amounted to R36m against R29m, and contracts authorized by the directors amounted to R57.8m as against R18m.

Briefly

Following reference of proposed takeover of Serck by Associated Engineering, A.E.'s offer has now lapsed. A.E. got acceptances for 89,335 shares in Serck (0.23 per cant)

F. W. EVANS
Mrs B. M. Rigley and family
bave sold 143,330 new ord and
348,019 ord shares in Frederick W. Evens (17.54 per cent).

BRITRATLPEN-STOD. TST Proposed merger between Brit-railpen and Standard Trust not to be referred to Monopolies Com-mission.

HUGH MACKAY Turnover for 1976 up from 55.53m to 56.94m, but pre-tax profits down from 5556,000 to 1382,000. However, gross payment rises from 4.55p to 5p.

HAIT EORNEO BID FAILS Cons Gold Fields' attempt to leum has lapsed. Acceptances were barely 15 per cent, giving CGF 36.6 per cent of the equity.

SECOND CITY
Second City Properties' turnover rose from £6.95m to £7.55m in half-year to October 31; pre-tax profits rose from £457,000 to £461,000. Gross interim payment raised from 0.7p to 0.84p and board intends to pay final of 1.77p (1.04p).

H. WOODWARD

Turnover for year to September 30 up from £6.92m to £7,26m, and pre-tax profits up from £282,000 to £302,000. Gross payment 2.61p again.

HOLLAS-BONAS WEBB
Hollas Group's offers for Bonas
Webb accepted for 4.1m ord
(95.51 per cent) and 33,190 pref
(95.81 per cent). Both offers

BENTIMA INDUSTRIES

Sales for 1976 rose from £5.14m to £5.61m and pre-tax profits from £264.000 to £303,000. Gross payment, 2.59p (2.56p). JOHN C. SMALL Last year turnover of John C. Small and Tidmas rose from \$2.65m to £3.26m and pre-tax profit from £70,000 to £33,000. Gross payment, 3.08p (3.07p).

AUST. NATIONAL

On sales up from \$A79.2m to \$A90.7m (about £58m) in seven months to January 31, pre-tax profits rose from \$A5.04m to \$A6.75m. Interim raised from 3.9 to 4.2 ceuts. Net profit, after tax, for year will be another record.

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank .. 101% Consoldtd Credits 111% First London Secs 111% C. Hoare & Co .. \$101% Lloyds Bank 101% Midland Bank .. 101% Nat Westminster 101% Rossminster Acc's 11}% Shenley Trust .. 14% Williams & Glyu's 101% * 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under, 6'2's. up to £23,000. Take, over £25,000. Take.

Base metals end week subdued

Base metals ended the week subdued yesperday with only copper fully steady, Cash wire bars closed £4.25 up on the day and three months was £3.75 ahead.

A SM12 downturn at Penang and expectations of a further rise in LME stocks depressed the sharply and standard cash fell £140 on the day while three months was £147.50 lower. Trading was moderate and the market lacked outside demand or significant fresh buying.

Despite the Bank of England's denial that it was holding a special investigation into the lead market, conditions remained nervous and espectations of a further small

conditions remained nervous and expectations of a further small stocks rise were an additional depressant. Cash lost £6.75 while three months was £3.50 lower.

Zinc lacked direction and followed the movement in lead. Cash closed £8.50 down and three months was £10.25 lower.

Overnight advances in New York, firmness in gold and a higher buillion fix kept silver prices steady.

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Alternoon.—Cash. £425.30-a metric tan: three months, .60, Sales, 1.025 tons. Morn-ash, £422-45; three months, . Settlement. £423. Sales, not (mainly carrier) 294.30 (8162.25) sume, os. 50-50.00: July-Sent. 67.50-68.00: Oct-Dec. 69.50-69.90. Sales, 22 Jois at 5 tonnes: 185 at 18 tonnes. Rubbar Physicals were substitutive steadler. Snot, 53-64.75. Cifs. April. 51.60-51.75: May. 52.50-52.85. COFFEE hit new neeks with spot March £100 up at £4.085 and May £55 up at

JAMES WILKES

Foreign **Commodities** Exchange

Sterling steadied towards the close of trading yesterday to close at \$1.7172, 18 points down on the day, dealers said. The effective rate was 61.9 per cent, unchanged from

A call by the Conservative Party for a vote of no confidence in the Government next Wednesday brought the pound down to \$1.7155 bid at one stage, but it recovered after some Bank of Enzland support and late covered. England support and late covering. . The dealers said a slower rise in February read prices helped sterling while a balf-point cut in Minimum Lending Rate to 101-per cent had been largely discounted.

The dollar eased slightly after news of a steep rise in United States consumer prices but recovered to around opening levels in thin trading. It was quoted at a late 2.3895/ 3905 marks, 2.5465/80 Swiss francs, Gold gained \$1 an ounce to close in London at 5149.875. May, 257-02; duty, 257-06, sures.

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Discount houses again encountreed an unexpected shortage of day-to-day credit on Lombard Street yesterday. To alleviate this, the Bank of England lent a moderate sum to three or four houses for seven days at MLR of 11 per cent. This penal lending was seen as the authorities reaction to the Treasury bill tender result which they considered did not display the required moderation.

If the Bank had allowed the market-linked formula to take effect, MLR would have been 10 per cent for the coming week. As it was, the Bank called upon its new powers to limit the fall to half a point to 10½ per cent.

The authorities did follow the bill rate down fully for its market operations next week, although this was not to be taken as a signal on the course of interest mass. Towards the close Treasury bills were still trading fairly actively, with "hots" down at 95-16-2 per cent from the overnight 97-1 per cent.

Money Market Rates

TOWN CENTRE Revenue before interest charges of Town Centre Securities for halfyear to December 31 up from £673,000 to £703,000. Pre-tax profit rose from £128.000 to £151,000.

Wall Street

New York, March 18.—Prices closed mostly lower on the New York Stock Exchange.
The Dow Jones industrial average was down 3.82 points at 961.02.
Declining issues narrowly outnumbered gainers by 725 to 645.
Volume totalled 19.64 million shares compared with 20.70 million on Thursday.
As the stock market opened, the Labour Department reported that the consumer price index for February jumped at a 12 per cent annual rate—the biggest increase in the index since September 1974. New York, March 18.-Prices

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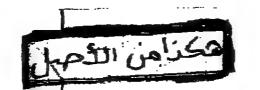
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Appointments

Airline's liability for contents of suitcases

Before Mr Justice Kerr

[Judgment delivered March 17]
Loss of part of the contents of an airline passenger's suicases is not "damage" to baggage within the meaning of article 25(2) of the Warsaw Convention on carriage by air, and the airline can therefore be made liable for such loss even if the passenger does not notify the airline within seven days, as he is required to do for claims for damage to baggage.

The Divisional Court so held in allowing a claim by the plaintiff, hir John Wesley Fothergill, for a declaration against Monarch Airlines Ltd that under article 26 no complaint in respect of the

no complaint in respect of the partial loss of contents of a suit-case is required.

Article 26(2) provides: "In the

Article 26(2) provides: "In the case of damage, the person entitled to delivery must complain to the carrier forthwith after the discovery of the damage, and, at the latest, within seven days from the date of receipt in the case of baggage. . . ""En cus d'avarie, le destinature doit adresser ou transporters une proposition ne desanature aou acresse va transporteur une protestation invnédiatement après la découverte de l'uveirie et, ou plus tard, dons un délai de sept jours pour les bavages..." bacages.

Mr Christopher Staughton, QC, and Mr Richard Wood for the plaintiff; Mr John Wilmers, QC, and Mr Marcus Edwards for the

Court of Appeal Reward: no payment from public funds

Regina v Whitby

Refore Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Eveleigh and Mr Justice Wien Air Justice Wien

A large and arbitrary sum in the nature of a reward paid by a defendant to an informer should not be paid out of central funds towards the cost of an appeal.

The Court of Appeal so held in refusing an application by Christopher John Whithy for payment out of central funds of 52,000, heing a cost incurred by him in rewarding an informant whose information may have contributed rewording an informant whose information may have contributed towards his success in appealing to the Court of Appeal on July 9, 1976, against his conviction for armed robbery. He had been sentenced to six years' imprisonment. Section 7(3) of the Costs in Criminal Cases Act. 1973, provides: "The costs payable out of comfal funds... | will be such sums as appear to the Court of Appeal reasonably sufficient to compensate the party concerned for any expenses properly incurred. for any expenses properly incurred by him in the appeal. . . ."
Air Ronsid Gray for the appliant; Mr J. H. Robbins as amicus

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that offer the applicant had been printed leave to appeal his family advertised in local papers offering a 22,000 reward for in-formation leading to the arrest of those involved in the cou-

recision of the offence. Someone confucred them and provided information to Scotland Yard.

not uncommon for such payments to land up in the pocket of a thief.

The registrar should be directed

Family Division

Care order reviewed in wardship proceedings

Before Mr Justice Dunn
[Judgment delivered March 16]
It was open to the Family Divition, in the exercise of its wardship
jurisdiction, to review the decision
of justices discharging a care order
relating to a boy row pearly eight
velry old, Mr Justice Dunn stated
in a judgment in open court after
a hearing in clambers.

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The question before the court was whether the court should exercise wardship jurisdiction when magistrates had discharged a care order on the spplication of parents. The local authority had subsequently made the boy a

as care order on the application of parents. The local authority and stosequently made the boy's ward of court.

Section 1 (21 of the Children and Young Persons Act, 1968, provides: 1f the court before which a child or young person is brought tooker this section is of opinion that any of the following conditions is 'suisfied with respect to him, that is to say—(a) his proper development is bear avoidably prevented or neglected or bis destit is being avoidably impaired or neglected or bis destit is being avoidably impaired or neglected or bis destit is being avoidably impaired or neglected or bis destit is being avoidably impaired or neglected or being fire and of the court of the court of the preceding paragraph will be settified in his case, baving regard to the fact that the court of the court of the court of the court of the household in which he belongs; or (c) 100 is sepond the control of his parent of the household in which he belongs; or (c) 100 is sepond the control of his parent of the household in the belongs; or (c) 100 is sepond the control of his parent of the household in the belongs; or (c) 100 is sepond the control of his parent of the hollowing provisions of his Act, the court may if it thinks such an order under this section in respect of him, then, subject to the following provisions of his Act, the court may if it thinks filmale such an order under this section in respect of him, then, subject to the following provisions of the court made and prandparents.

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officer allowed film to return to his natural parents.
On October 27, 1976, Berkshire County Council issued a wardship summons and applied for care to be committed to them under sec-tion 7(2) of the Family Law Re-form Act, 1969. On an applica-tion by the parents and grandform Act, 1959. On an applica-tion by the parents and grand-parents for directions, the district registrar at Reading ordered that a prelimidary issue be tried by a High Court judge. The issue was whether, in view of the musis-trates' order, the High Corrt should exercise its wardship juris-diction. It was not dispured that the court as parens patriae had jurisdiction.

the court as parens parriae had jurisdiction.

It was submitted that where justices had made a valid and proper order the High Court did not, as a metter of principle, exercise its invisdiction to review facts determined by justices save in the most recognitional circumstances.

the child would remain a ward of court. His Lordship had been referred to In rc K [1956] 1 WLR 12411; In re P [1967] 1 WLR 818): In P [46] [1968] 1 WLR 1976) and In rc D [1973] Fam 179).

HIS LORDSHIP said that the action arose out of the Warsaw Convention as amended by the Hagne Protocol for the unification of certain rules relating to international carriage by air. The English and French texts were set out in Schedule 1 to the Carriage By Air Act, 1961, and section 1(2) provided that if there was any inconsistency the French text should prevail. The action was in the nature of a test case intended to resolve a difference between the insurance market and the airlines about the effect of the Convention in cases of loss of the contents of passengers' registered baggage during the carriage.

The plaintiff and his wife went

The plaintiff and his wife went for a holiday in Italy by air, the carrier being Monarch Airlines. They returned on a flight from Rome to Luton. When the plaintiff claimed his baggage he noticed that one side-seam of his suitcess was completely torn away and reported it to an airline official.

reported it to an airline official. Some time after he got home the plaintiff noticed that some of the contents of the case were plaintiff noticed that some of the contents of the case were plaintiff. A shirt and a cardinan. He claimed £12 against his insurers for the damage to the case and £28.50 for the loss of the articles. The insurers passed on the claim to the airline a little over a month later. The airline admitted liability for the £12 but rejected the claim for £28.50 on the ground that

means of being sansfied that it had reached the source of the information. His Lordship agreed with the registrer. An item to an informer had no place in the phrase "incurred by him in the appeal". It was not the general practice to pay informers out of the public purse. There was no standard by which a proper sum could be assessed, and there could be serious consequences if it be-came the practice because it was

to disclion the item.
Solicitors: Regionid & Johnson;
DPP.

The first three cases showed that where magistrates had made orders relating to children either under the Guardianship of Infants Acts, 1... in the first of the practice of the Chancery Division to accept furisdiction unless there was available under the wardship jurisdiction some ramedy not available to justices or that there available to justices or that there were some exceptional circum-stances. Mr Justice Bagnail had followed that practice in in re D. The present case could be distinguished in that the issue was between the local authority and parents and grandparents, not between mother and father.

parents and grandparents, not pertween mother and father.

For the local authority it was
submitted that the magistrates
were not required to have regard
to the child's welfare as the first
and paramount consideration
when reaching their decision to
discharge the order. It was said
that before a care order could be
made under section 1(2) of the
Cuildren and Young Persons Act
the magistrates had first to be
satisfied that on a balance of
probabilities one of the conditions in paragraphs a to existed
and that the child was in need of
care or control. Although by the
provisions of section 44 of the
Cuildren and Young Persons Act,
1923, the juvenile court had to
have regard to the child's welfare,
that consideration did not come
into effect until the court was
first satisfied about the conditions
referred to above. Similarly, in
proceedings for discharing the

in the child's best interests on the evidence.

His Lordship could not follow the practice of the cited cases. In wardship cases the golden thread was that the welfare of the child was considered first, last and all the time. The boy's welfare required that the court should exercise its jurisdiction and make orders for his welfare.

Far from discouraging local authorities, they should be encouraged to bring suits in wardship where orders could be made in the interests of a child untrammelled by the statutory provisions of the Children and Young Persons Act. The court would exercise its jurisdiction and the child would remain a ward of

the child would remain a ward of court. His custody would be decided later.

notice of it should have been given within seven days under article 26. The insurers paid the plainint's claim in full less a franchise of £2.50 under his policy. The plan-

than in this policy. The plantiff was now claiming the full amount of £40,50 from the airline, £2.50 for his own benefit am me balance for the benefit of ms insurers.

The Convention was properly incorporated into the contract of carriage in that the ticket incorporated the baggage check and the condition as to notice was complied with. Article 26 was the only article which barred claims unless notice was given in time. All claims not covered by that article were subject to the time limit of two years for instituting proceedings. The article contained no requirement for any notice in cases of loss or destruction of baggage or cargo.

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It was common ground that "damage" in paragraph (21 must mean damage in the sense of physical injury and not economic harm. The issue was whether "damage" in the sense of physical injury in the paragraph included loss of the contents of the registered baggage.

As a matter of ordinary English the loss of articles from an undamaged suitcase would not be described as "damage" in the sense of physical injury. "Damage" as used in that sense in article 26(2) must mean damage to the baggage. If article 26(2) were to be construed in the normal way there could only be one answer—the plaintiff's claim must succeed. But Mr Wilmers relied on two arguments. The first was based on the French text which prevailed in cases of inconsistency. "Avarie" was the word used for "damage" in the French text. There was inevitably some argument about the meaning and scope of that word

French text. There was inevitably some argument about the meaning and scope of that word when translated into English. The primary and ordinary meaning of "awrie" was damage or injury. Mr Wilmers also argued that the Corriage By Air Act expressly provided that its purpose was to give effect to the Convention, and it had therefore to be so construed. His Lordship agreed, Stay Line Ltd v Toscolo, Mango & Co ([1932] AC 328) showed that in construing international conventions incorporated into English law, the courts should aim to produce uniformity with the approach duce uniformity with the approach and decisions of other countries and to have regard to broad principles of general acceptance ruther than to English municipal precedents. But Mr Wilmers went much farther. Re formulated three submissions: (1) that the courts should construct the Coursepion is should construc the Convention in the same way as it would be construed abroad.; (2) it should construed bornad; (2) it should be interpreted by reference to the principles of statutory construc-tion applied abroad; (3) unless the meaning was obvious the court was entitled to have regard to travaux preparatoires and to foreign learning in the form of decisions, textbooks and com-mentaries.

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It was clear from the authorities that in relation to international conventions the rigidity of the rules of construction and interpretation must be related.
Air Staughton challenged Mr Wilmers's submissions, at least in their renerality, and in particular mentaries. their generality, and in particular the admissibility of travenx preparatoires. His Lordship came to the conclusion that in principle such material was admissible within certain limits as an aid to the interpretation of an English

statute designed to give effect to an international convention. Those limits were three-fold. (1) Extrinsic material, including travaux préparatoires, could only be a guide—admissible but only per sunsive. (2) It must be used with particular caution when the adherents to a convention comprised both civil law and common law countries, apart from the United Kingdom. (3) Such material must be rejected where there was no Kingdom. (3) Such material must be rejected where there was no gop or ambiguity in the wording of the English statute, where it suggested an interpretation clearly unacceptable in the face of the language of the English statute, and where it would be regarded as an unfair and illegitimate interpretation under English rules of construction.

The cumulative effect of the

The cumulative effect of the material on which Mr Witners relied. German commentaries on article 25, a decision of a German article 25, a decision of a German court and two American decisions —was not persuasive. The broad picture appeared to be that there was no uniformity. In Schwimmer v A'r France ((1976) Av Cas No 17;46) the judge said: "Damage is damage and loss is loss". As a matter of ordinary English, or American, that reasoning could not be faulted.

not be faulted.

The most important weapon in Mr Wilmers's armoury were the transux préparatoires. Those consisted of the published minutes in two printed volumes of the 34 working meetings in 1955 at which the Hague Protocol was negotiated. At the 33rd meeting a suggestion was put forward that " or partial loss " should be inserted after " damage " in article 26(2). It was opposed on the ground that " damage " clearly included "partial loss ", and the proposal was withdrawn on the understanding that " damage " was to be understood as including " partial loss ".

No ordinary air passenger would have the slightest idea that such material existed. A passenger was fixed with knowledge of the Convention, both in English and French, and with the conditions printed or Incorporated in his

It was not right to give to article 26 an artificial and unacceptable meaning because of what was said at meetings in The Hague in 1955, particularly when that material was not readily available and when nothing pointed to its existence. It should not affect the plain meaning which an ordinary persons here, due weight should be given to travaux préparatoires. Put the present case was one in which the rights of ordinary passengers were affected in everyday travel, and rights should not be lost because of a foilure to give notice unless that was made quite plain by the language which bound the passenger. Resort to the travaux priparatoires would produce an unfair and illegitimate result. The claim should succeed.

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Unregistered option to renew underlease

Justice Goff and Lord Justice
Shaw

[Judgments delivered March 11]

An option to renew an underlease, recorded in the Middiesex deeds register of land charges was void against subsequent purchasers of the head lease on a sale before registration of the head lease and was not revived eliber by the later merger of the head lease in the freehold or by the entry of the underlease against the registration of the head lease in the freehold or by the entry of the underlease against the registration of the head lease in the freehold or by the entry of the underlease against the registration of the memorial in the Middlesex deeds register, which to appeal by the first defendants, MEPC Lod, from Mr Justice Whitford, who held on the trial of a preliminary issue, that an option to extend the term of an underlease held by the plaintiff, Mr Alan William Kitney of Furnafield Roud, Easconsfield, BuckInghamshire, was effective and Mr Justice Whitford, who held on the trial of a preliminary issue, that an option to extend the term of an underlease held by the plaintiff, Mr Alan William Kitney of Furnafield Roud, Easconsfield, BuckInghamshire, was effective and Mr Justice Whitford, who held on the trial of a preliminary issue, that an option to extend the term of an underlease held by the plaintiff, Mr Alan William Kitney of Furnafield Roud, Easconsfield, BuckInghamshire, was effective and first the plaintiff was sceling to establish that he had effectively exercised a provision for renewal of his lease of certain premises in Marrow, Middlesex, and the plaintiff, Mr Wilch was larer assigned to the plaintiff, Mr Memorial of the underlease of the premises which was larer assigned to the plaintiff. Wr Memorial of the predict of the matter, the plaintiff of the member of the freehold no destroy in the merger could not affect the matter. The underlease to the more of the freehold no destroy in the merger could not affect the matter. The underlease that register of land charges.

In 1933 the second ford, who held on the trial of a preliminary issue, that an option to extend the term of an underlease held by the plaintiff, Mr Alan William Kitney, of Furnefield Road, Eeaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, was effective and binding on MEPC, the registered proprietors of the freehold title. Mr John Vinelott, QC, and Mr Peter Horsfield for MEPC; Mr Michael Browne, QC, and Mr Peter Horsfield for MEPC; Mr Michael Browne, QC, and that the plaintiff was seeking to establish that he had effectively exercised a provision for renewal of his lease of certain premises in Marrow, Middlesex.

his lease of certain premises in Harrow, Middlesex.
In 1933 the second defendants, who were not concerned in the Issue at present before the court, granted a 42-year underlease of the premises which was later assigned to the plaintiff. A memorial of the urderlease had been recorded in the Middlesex deeds register, but there was no registration in the register of land charges.

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The underlease contained a provision giving the lessee an option to extend the term for a further 21 years. The head leave was of sufficient length to cover such a ranewal. Before the option was exercised and before the leasehold title was registered, there were two assignments on sale of the head lease: in 1934 to Monument Property Trust Ltd and in 1947 to MEPC.

Middlesex became a compulsory registration area in 1937. In 19.9 MEPC acquired the freehold and, being part only of the registered freehold. a new title was registered and with it the underlease. It was common ground that the plaintiff had exercised the option correctly in point of time and form, but MEPC said that it was lineffective because it was yold scalust them for want of registration under the Land Charges Act, 1925.

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tion under the Land Charges Act, 1925.

It was conceded that the provision for renewal was an estate contract registrable under that Act. Accordingly, under section 13(2) it was void against Monument as a purchaser for value unless at the time it was registered in the appropriate register, and, if so invalidated, it was also void against MEPC as the successors in title.

But it was said that the case was taken out of the Act by virtue of section 23 because the underlease, and with it the oution, was capable of being protected by a caution under the Land Registration Act, 1925. There were two auswers to that argument, First, section 23 applied only where the land was registered land. The relevant land for that purpose must be the head lease and the material time could not be later than the time when, if not protected by registration, the estate contract would be invalidated under section 13(2). The head lease had not been or by the entry of or by the entry of the first hand, in the relation to the charges registration.

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But it was argued that subject to any question of rectification, the entry of the underlease on the registration of the new freehold title somehow brought the option to life again.

The effect of first registration of freehold land with absolute title was governed by section 5 of the Land Registration Act which provided that registration took effect subject to "the following rights and interests—(a) encumbrances and entries ..."
But an entry was not a right or interest: it must mean subject to rights or interests created by any document or transfer recorded as an entry and it could only comprise rights and interests which were still subsivibug at the date of first registration.

Mr Browne argued that the Land Registration Act had established a code and that one could not go belind it; that a registration of the underlease made the land subject to it and therefore subject to the option in it; and that the first registration in 1969 was a new start.

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On general principle it seemed that registration, which was designed to establish the proprietor's title, could not create rights and interests against him which did not exist and could not enable anyone to enforce a right which such person had tost.

In his Lordship's conclusion, the option was invelidated as against the purchasers of the head lease and their successors in title for want of registration under the Land Charges Act and was not revived either by the merger of the head lease in the freehold or by the entry of the underlease. or by the entry of the underlease in the charges register of the free-hold title.

Lord Justice Shaw agreed, and Lord Justice Buckley delivered a concurring judgment.

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ticket or baggage check, insofar as they did not infringe the Convention. None gate any indication that "damage" in article 26 ibrinded loss of the contents of registered lungues.

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It should not affect the plain meaning which an ordinary person would give to article 25.

In cases of real ambiguity or obvious difficulty or gaps in statutes giving effect to international conventions, and perhaps to a lesser degree in contexts other than "ticket case" situations affecting the general public, as here, due weight should be given to prayer preparatories. Put the

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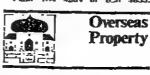
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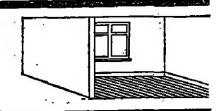
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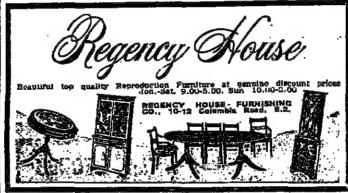




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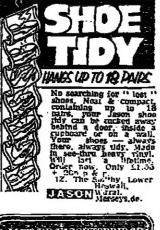
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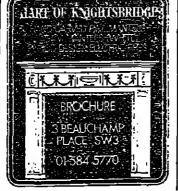
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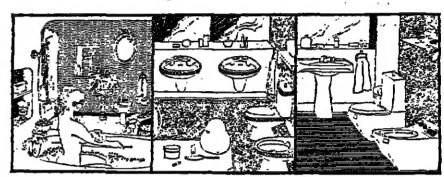
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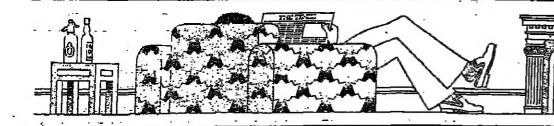
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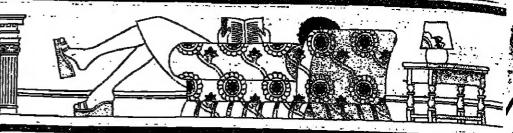


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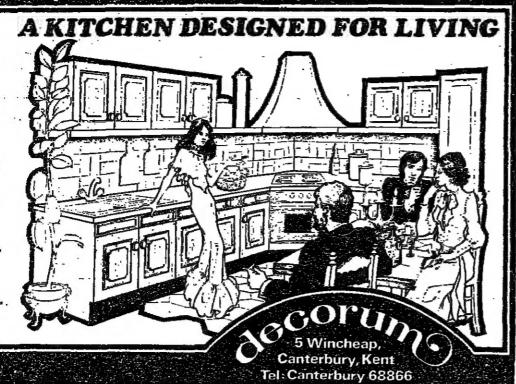
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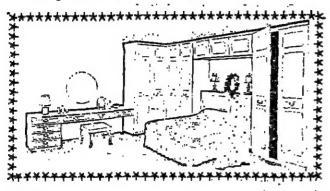
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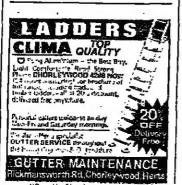
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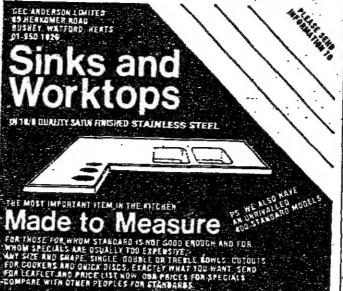
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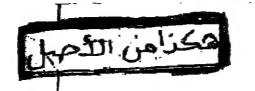
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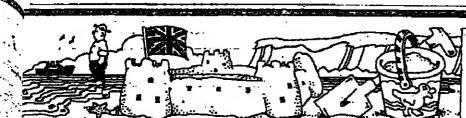
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10 Dodgy affair for those on a slippery slope (6).

12 Fight scene returned to by one Scots artist (5).

Il She is going with a blade or two currently (9).

21 Youth need not put a shoulder to it to turn it (9).

25 Leaving Paris late, he and his wife meandered home (8).

26 " He --- for the love of a ladge " (Gilbert) (6).

27 Let not my memory fade,

1 Garment found towards the stern in a vessel (6).

2 Sir Rowland's son is Rol-and's friend (6).

3 Jub was asked if he could

look this monster (9).

Missy, too embarrassing (3).

24 Ravenous prophet ? (6).

or two currently (9).

14 One quick off the mark? To it, rather (12).

15 Squeaky clatch? (3).

17 Resentful as Luther in South German capitals (\$).

18 Ark - orientated, was his ancestress? (6, 6).

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23 Frince with one on the 22 Run shuttle service in west-river? (5).

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4 He does not draw a vehicle, but what could help a driver (12).

6 Let an old caudie-maker be beheaded (5).

7 Disaster brings the golden state to friendship (8).

8 All unwary, Gilbert's trio from this (8).

11 Ye gods, I spy newsmen tak-

ing notes (5, 7).

15 Nought grim, and not so much as a whift of this sort of thing (9).

20 Whose hawking gear in a tree? (6).

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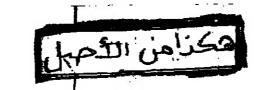
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